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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE


Children's Aid Society

OF

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.



1893-94.



ALLEGHENY, PA.
R. W. ELTON, PRINTER,
1894.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

MRS. SUE WILLARD.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. Jas. R. Darragh, Allegheny co.	Miss. Frances Howell, Fayette co.
Mrs. Jos. Buffington, Armstrong co.	Mrs. B. L. Hunt, Forest co.
Mrs. E. W. Tatro, Beaver, co.	Mrs. R. A. Patterson, Fulton co.
Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Blair co.	Mrs. E. L. Crawford, Greene co.
Mrs. J. L. Purvis, Butler co.	Mrs. M. A. McLain, Indiana co.
Miss J. Barron, Cambria co. Com.	Mrs. Parker Blood, Jefferson co.
Mrs. M. B. Judd, Cameron co.	Mrs. R. J. Blevins, Lawrence co.
Mrs. Geo. W. Arnold, Clarion co.	Mrs. J. W. Stockton, Mercer co.
Mrs. M. J. Betts, Clearfield co.	Mrs. M. O. Kooser, Somerset co.
Mrs. Rodger Sherman, Crawford co.	Mrs. Harriet L. Lay, Venango co.
Mrs. J. T. Waid, Elk co.	Mrs. J. C. Fox, Warren co.
Mrs. R. G. Lindsley, Erie co.	Mrs. Wm. F. Hamilton, Wash'n co.
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SECRETARY.

MRS. H. L. MASON.

TREASURER.

MRS. W. P. PRICE.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

MRS. ARCHIE ALSTON, *Chairman.*

Mrs. H. L. Mason, Allegheny co.	Mrs. J. T. Waid, Elk co.
Mrs. W. P. Price, Allegheny co.	Mrs. J. R. Graves, Erie co
Mrs. A. H. Wallace, Allegheny co.	Miss Frances Howell, Fayette co.
Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Allegheny co.	Mrs. A. B. Kelly, Forest co.
Mrs. Jos. Buffington, Armstrong co.	Mrs. K. A. Patterson, Fulton co.
Mrs. S. H. Darragh, Beaver co.	Mrs. T. W. Knox, Greene co.
Mrs. L. P. Wilson, Blair co.	Mrs. Sue Williard, Indiana co.
Mrs. T. C. Campbell, Butler co.	Mrs. Parker Blood, Jefferson co.
Miss Jennie Barron, Camb'a co. Com.	Mrs. H. G. Sankey, Lawrence co.
Mrs. L. V. Lamb, Cameron co.	Mrs. L. A. Breckenridge, Mercer co.
Mrs. W. P. Wilson, Centre co.	Mrs. M. O. Kooser, Somerset co.
Mrs. Geo. W. Arnold, Clarion co.	Mrs. Belle K. Richards, Venango co.
Mrs. D. L. Krebs, Clearfield co.	Mrs. A. H. McKelvey, Warren co.
Mrs. J. G. Benton, Crawford co.	Miss. M. LeMoyne, Washington co.
Mrs. E. S. Marchand, Westmoreland co.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Archie Alston, *Chairman*. Mrs. H. L. Mason, *Secretary*.
 Mrs. Belle K. Richards. Mrs. L. P. Wilson.
 Mrs. H. G. Benton. Mrs. A. H. Wallace.
 Miss Frances Howell. Miss M. LeMoyne.
 Mrs. T. C. Campbell. Mrs. H. G. Sankey.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. L. P. Wilson, *Chairman*.
 Mrs. Belle K. Richards. Mrs. Sue Willard.
 Mrs. J. L. Anderson.

OFFICE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON DECISION OF CASES.

Mrs. A. H. Wallace. Mrs. J. L. Anderson.
 Mrs. Archie Alston.

REFORMATORY COMMITTEE.

Mrs. J. L. Anderson. Mrs. Harriet L. Lay.
 Mrs. Jas. R. Darragh. Mrs. Sue Willard.
 Mrs. Parker Blood. Mrs. H. L. Mason.
 Mrs. J. R. Harrah.

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Mrs. B. K. Richards. Mrs. W. P. Price.
 Mrs. J. R. Harrah.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. H. L. Mason. Mrs. L. P. Wilson.
 Miss Frances Howell.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. L. Mason. Mr. Robert D. McGonnigle.
 Rev. E. R. Donehoo, Allegheny co. Hon. John Mattox, Venango co.
 Mr. Lewis C. Colburn, Somerset co. Judge Harry White, Indiana co.
 Mr. W. D. Brandon, Butler co.

ATTORNEY.

Mr. D. M. Alston.

ACTUARY.

Mrs. M. P. Samson.

SECRETARIES' ADDRESSES.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

MRS. H. L. MASON, Ellsworth ave., Shadyside, Pittsburg.

<i>Counties.</i>	<i>Secretaries.</i>	<i>Addresses.</i>
Allegheny.....	Mrs. A. H. Wallace,.....	166 North ave., Allegheny.
Armstrong	Miss M. J. Robinson,.....	Kittanning.
Beaver.....	Mrs. S. H. Darragh,.....	Beaver.
Blair	Mrs. L. P. Wilson,.....	1207 14th ave., Altoona.
Butler.....	Mrs. Flora B. Christie,.....	520 N. Main st., Butler.
Cambria	Mrs. E. V. Barker,.....	61 Church ave , Coopersdale, Johnstown.
Cameron.....	Mrs. M. M. Larrabee,.....	Emporium.
Clarion	Mrs. B. H. Frampton,.....	Clarion.
Clearfield.....	Mrs. M. L. McQuown,.....	Clearfield.
Crawford	Mrs. Geo. W. Barr,.....	18 N. Washington st., Titus- ville.
“ Auxiliary,...	Mrs. E. W. McFarland,.....	Meadville.
Centre.....	Miss J. Emily Natt,.....	19 W. Curtin st., Bellefonte.
Elk.....	Mrs. Martha Richards,.....	Ridgway.
Erie	Mrs. Bertha King,.....	49 S. Centre st., Corry.
Fayette.....	Mrs. Mary Robinson Bowie,.....	109 Morgantown st., Union- town.
“ Auxiliary,...	Miss Nannie B. J. Reid,.....	Connellsville.
Forest.....	Mrs. Clara B. Fowler,.....	Marionville.
Fulton	Mrs. S. B. Houston,	Webster's Mills.
Greene.....	Mrs. Theo. W. Knox,	Waynesburg.
Indiana	Mrs. Thos. St. Clair,.....	Indiana.
Jefferson.....	Mrs. M. P. Van Vleit,.....	Brookville.
“ Auxiliary,...	Mrs. E. C. Winslow,.....	Punxsutawney.
Lawrence.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Moody,	New Castle.
Mercer	Mrs. W. E. Slemmons,	Mercer.
Somerset	Mrs. M. L. Biesecker,	Somerset.
Venango.....	Mrs. Belle K. Richards,.....	209 W. Front st., S. Oil City.
Warren.....	Mrs. Julia B. Best,.....	12 Second st., Warren.
Washington.....	Miss M. LeMoyne,.....	Washington.
Westmoreland		
Irwin Committee...	Miss Agnes Wolf,.....	Irwin.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Children's Aid Society
OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania held its fifth annual meeting in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, June 7 and 8, 1894, with a large attendance, county societies being well represented, Mrs. J. L. Anderson presiding and Mrs. H. L. Mason, Secretary.

The first session was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. W. L. McEwan. The roll of directors was called and fifteen ladies responded; the roll of delegates was called and thirty-five answered to their names.

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Actuary were presented, and on motion each was approved as read.

Reports of county secretaries and treasurers were presented and read by representatives from the several counties, to each of whom was granted five minutes, in which to bring up any matter on which advice might be needed.

Remarks were made by Mrs. L. P. Wilson, of Blair county, on the work done by that society ; she gave great praise to the directors of the poor of the county, saying their co-operation had been easily obtained and the Blair county society had received from them \$1,480.93 during the past year.

Difficult cases requiring consideration were presented by Butler, Washington and Clarion societies ; after some discussion, further business was postponed until afternoon, and Miss Phoebe Cousins was introduced and addressed the meeting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock, and the reading of reports was concluded. The total number of societies reporting was twenty-five, from the following counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland.

Owing to the announcement by a number of ladies that they would be obliged to leave before the final adjournment, a motion to proceed with the election of officers was made, seconded and adopted.

Mrs. L. P. Wilson, Mrs. Parker Blood, Mrs. Jas. R. Darragh, and Miss Frances Howell were appointed tellers.

Mrs. Sue Willard, Mrs. L. P. Wilson, Mrs. Belle K. Richards and Mrs. J. L. Anderson were nominated for President. In compliance with Mrs. Wilson's earnest request, her name was withdrawn.

A ballot was taken and Mrs. Sue Willard, of Indiana county was declared elected.

For Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Mason, of Allegheny county, was nominated. She asked to be relieved of the office, requesting that another be named and elected. The request not being favorably received, Mrs. Mason was elected.

Mrs. W. P. Price, of Allegheny county, was nominated for Treasurer, and the nominations being closed, elected ; she accepting the position temporarily.

It was moved and seconded, that the Board of Directors be enlarged, the membership to be thirty ladies, instead of twenty. The motion was adopted.

Nominations were made, a vote taken and the tellers withdrew.

Mrs. L. A. Breckenridge stated that some boys had been sent to Morganza who rightfully belonged to the Mercer county society, but that body could not place them, and asked to be advised regarding children called incorrigible. It was stated that all consideration of reformatory work would come up on the following day, and a motion to defer this matter until that time was adopted.

The minutes of afternoon session of the preceeding annual meeting were read and approved.

On motion the meeting adjourned until Friday, June 8, at 9:30 A. M.

MORNING SESSION.

Second Day.

The convention reassembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 9:30 o'clock, was called to order by the chairman and opened with devotional exercises by Rev. W. J. Robinson.

The report of the Reformatory Committee was read by Mrs. Sue Willard, secretary of the committee, and on motion approved.

Mr. Robert D. McGonnigle took the floor and made an interesting address, touching on the beginning of Children's Aid work and kindly indorsing it in all its details. At the conclusion of his remarks, inquiries were made in reference to the detention of children in almshouses, all of which he cheerfully answered, giving the necessary information, including the statement that children can remain in almshouses only sixty days, the law forbidding that they be compelled to become paupers.

A letter from Mr. E. S. Wright, warden of the Western Penitentiary, was read by the Secretary, giving reasons why he could not be present, as was desired, and speaking encouragingly of this Society's work.

Rev. E. R. Donehoo, the next speaker, spoke of his gratification in seeing so many earnest women engaged in a work that had always been dear to his heart. He told of the little unfortunates he had seen in jail, in years gone by, when he had wondered where they could go, as there was no other refuge than the reform school, where he was in those days obliged to place children, although he believed they were not incorrigible. The case was mentioned of a boy in whom he was once interested, who had been sentenced to the workhouse and again to prison, but who was eventually saved by the continued efforts of himself and some friends who came to his assistance. Another case was given of a little girl who, through her mother's fault, had been sent to the reform school, and after her release had gone from bad to worse. Mr. Donehoo spoke very feelingly of the life after life he had seen blighted, and the regret caused by the thought of the many times it had been necessary to send to Morganza children whose title, instead of "incorrigible," should be "friendless, homeless," children who, as the result of second marriages, had been unloaded there for the purpose of getting rid of them, and

he added that he advocates the passage of laws to help us in the work of rescue.

Mr. Lewis C. Colburn, of Jefferson county, was called upon and received marked attention from the audience. He advised the Children's Aid Society to compel directors of almshouses to give up the children in their charge at the expiration of sixty days, as the law demands, and an account was given of the case of a boy who once appeared before him in court, telling also of children who were formerly kept in almshouses and reared as paupers.

Rev. W. J. Robinson followed in well chosen remarks, saying that in his opinion the evil doings of unnatural parents, who are not only incompetent but are examples of evil, are the cause of a great part of all the injustice done their children.

At the close of these addresses, business was resumed.

Mrs. Breckenridge brought up the case postponed the day before, of the boys sent to Morganza from Mercer county, and asked, "In similar cases in the future, what shall the Mercer county society do?" The chairman called upon Mrs. W. P. Price, formerly chairman of the Organizing Committee, to reply. She did so, saying, "Surely some good christian woman in the Children's Aid Society in Mercer could be found, who would open her doors and take in these little beings until arrangements could be made for their welfare, and word could be sent the Reformatory Committee, that would, as soon as possible, advise and assist." This view being upheld by others present, Mrs. Breckenridge then asked, "What will be the course of the State Board under such circumstances; will it become responsible for the expense of such children's board?" By request of the Chairman, the Secretary answered that this point could not be settled until it had been presented to the State Board for its decision.

Mrs. Isabella G. Coombs, Deputy Factory Inspector, who was present by invitation, and had been an attentive listener during the morning, was here asked to say a few words regarding her work of protecting children employed in various ways. After some urging on the part of the Chairman and others, the request was complied with, and her very interesting short talk gave much pleasure. The statement that no children under thirteen years of age are allowed by law to engage in hard labor, was favorably received, as was also her expression of willingness to assist the members of this society in any way possible.

The Secretary reminded the assembly of the suffering of young children in the past, and of the many cases coming to the notice of all charitable workers, of the poor little things who were driven out into the cold at the most unseasonable hours, on winter mornings, often solely for the support of worthless grown people.

The tellers returned and announced the result of election for Directors, as follows :

Mrs. Archie Alston,	Allegheny county,
Mrs. J. L. Anderson,	Allegheny county,
Mrs. A. H. Wallace,	Allegheny county,
Mrs. Jos. Buffington,	Armstrong county,
Mrs. S. H. Darragh,	Beaver county,
Mrs. L. P. Wilson,	Blair county,
Mrs. T. C. Campbell,	Butler county,
Mrs. L. V. Lamb,	Cameron county,
Miss Jennie Barron,	Cambria county,
Mrs. W. P. Wilson,	Centre county,
Mrs. George W. Arnold,	Clarion county,
Mrs. D. L. Krebs,	Clearfield county,
Mrs. J. G. Benton,	Crawford county,
Mrs. J. T. Waid,	Elk county,
Mrs. J. R. Graves,	Erie county,
Miss Frances Howell,	Fayette county,
Mrs. A. B. Kelly,	Forest county,
Mrs. K. A. Patterson,	Fulton county,
Mrs. T. W. Knox,	Greene county,

Mrs. Sue Willard,.....	Indiana county,
Mrs. Parker Blood,.....	Jefferson county,
Mrs. H. G. Sankey,.....	Lawrence county,
Mrs. L. A. Breckenridge,.....	Mercer county,
Mrs. M. O. Kooser,	Somerset county,
Mrs. Belle K. Richards,	Venango county,
Mrs. A. H. McKelvey,	Warren county,
Miss M. LeMoyne,	Washington county,
Mrs. E. S. Marchand,.....	Westmoreland county.

It was moved and seconded, that delegates be instructed by their respective societies as for whom they shall vote as a member of the board, the ballot to be cast on the table and ratified by a vote of the convention. A lengthy discussion ensued. A vote upon the question resulted fifty in favor, eight opposed: it was therefore carried.

On motion, the convention adjourned until two P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Second Day.

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock.

The minutes of the sessions of Thursday and Friday morning were read and approved.

The resolution regarding the manner of election of Directors, passed at the morning session, was again brought up for discussion, Mrs. Parker Blood asking that it be reconsidered. The resolution in question was read by the Secretary, and pronounced correctly presented.

It was moved and seconded, that the members of this association be required to present all important resolutions to the Secretary of the convention in writing. Carried.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Blood, in writing:

"I move a reconsideration of the vote taken this morning in relation to the election of members of the board of managers."

The motion was seconded, the question put, a vote taken and the motion lost.

Mrs. L. P. Wilson gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board she would bring up for consideration, the question of changing the place of holding the annual meeting ; and it was asked, " Why is the annual meeting always held in Pittsburg ?" In reply, the Secretary read Article III of the by-laws, as follows " The annual meetings of this Society shall be held in Pittsburg, on the first Thursday in June, etc."

It was moved and seconded, that any society that has not fully reported money for any work done in aiding children, be allowed to withdraw report from Treasurer's hands for correction. A vote was taken and the motion lost ; those opposed stating that money used in the work of the Children's Aid Society only, should be reported.

The Organizing Committee, through its chairman, Mrs. Belle K. Richards, presented its report, which was, on motion, approved.

The following ladies were elected to serve on the Reformatory Committee :

Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Mrs. James R. Darragh, Mrs. Sue Willard, Mrs. Parker Blood, Mrs. H. Lee Mason, Mrs. H. L. Lay and Mrs. J. R. Harrah.

Legislative Committee :

Mrs. Belle K. Richards, Mrs. W. P. Price and Mrs. J. R. Harrah.

Printing and Publishing Committee :

Mrs. H. Lee Mason, Mrs. L. P. Wilson and Miss Frances Howell.

On motion, the convention adjourned, to meet on the first Thursday in June, 1895.

MRS. H. LEE MASON,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To-day this Society enters upon its sixth year, and its Directors and friends are called to look back over the work that has been done. Those actively engaged, who have devoted time and thought to this method of child-care, have found much encouragement, although regrets arise that so great an amount of suffering exists that it stretches out far into the future, and, while each one feels "She hath done what she could," all look forward with the hope that opportunities may broaden and increase, that hands may be strengthened and ways made plain, enabling this association, in time to come, to point with rejoicing to records that will speak of hearts made happy, and bright homes established by the efforts of the women of the present. So, not with egotism, but asking for kindly consideration, our reports are presented.

The counties through which this Society extends are Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren and Washington, with co-operative committees in Irwin, Westmoreland county, and Johnstown, Cambria county. There are few charities, covering so large a territory, in which the work of organizing has been accomplished gratuitously; and the Organizing Committee, composed solely of members of the Society, deserves special praise for its unselfish labors in the cause of distressed childhood, without remuneration, save the

reward always earned by well doing. Special mention is also due the members of the Executive Committee living at a distance, who have come every month to examine reports and consult in the interests of waifs of the State.

The transfer of children among counties is given the most careful attention. There are cases that demand such transfer. Infants are received for whose benefit it becomes necessary to blot out every trace of parentage and birth-place; and there are older children, of depraved mothers, whose lives would be spent amid vicious surroundings. In these, and in all other cases where the past should sink into oblivion, children are removed from the early scenes of their existence, but we deprecate the practice advocated by some, of placing these helpless beings in States outside the jurisdiction of our courts and where personal supervision is impossible; for one of the laws of this Society is that those under its care must be visited, the power being reserved to take them from homes in which they are unhappy; experience teaching that to be fed, clothed and sheltered does not always bring contentment. Children pass into the charge of the auxiliaries in those counties in which they are placed. Papers of indenture are not used.

Books are open to inspection in the general office, in Pittsburgh, a register of transferred children and one of children placed in their own counties, and every means is employed to prevent their location from passing from the knowledge of the Society.

Regular quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors are held, and, in listening to reports, one becomes aware of the many causes of anxiety. The question of how to deal with incorrigibles has not been satisfactorily answered; the infants who in this sad life depend upon strangers' hearts alone for the love that is their due, still raise their plaintive voices in the pathetic cry for sympathy, and little boys continue from day to day in charge,

needy and homeless,—for it is a fact that applications for girls outnumber those for boys in a surprising degree. In regard to these perplexing cases, and in many others, the managers confer long and patiently, comparing views faithfully, with the sincere desire to render justice to all who come before them for help.

The Treasurer's statement shows that payments of the State appropriation are received regularly, and the kindness that placed this fund at our disposal is gratefully acknowledged. County societies are allowed twenty-five dollars of this appropriation each quarter, except when through their endeavors an amount sufficient to defray current expenses is secured. This has been done frequently in a number of counties, where appeals and entertainments have met with generous response, and members have willingly aided financially whenever necessity has required. The expenses of county members of the State Board and Executive Committee, incurred in attending meetings, are paid from the treasury of the Association. Among other expenditures, are those for transferring and visiting children, children's board, clothing, shoes, etc.

Reports from the treasurers of auxiliaries are presented each quarter at the meetings of the State Board. They are examined and embodied in the minutes, in order that their standing may at all times be ascertained; while monthly reports of secretaries are sent in to the Executive Committee, giving full information of the number of children received and placed. Sworn reports of our receipts and expenditures are rendered to the Auditor General, at Harrisburg. In addition, the correspondence is quite extensive, and we are daily in receipt of letters giving full details of the condition of wards of the Society.

These treasurers and secretaries are women who are engaged in the work from love of humanity only, and there is not one paid officer among them. In a few counties, where office work

is heavy, actuaries under salary assist, and the State Board is obliged to employ an actuary and one assistant for the transaction of business, visiting children being included in their services.

Since the last annual meeting, old friends have remained true and new friends have been gained. The press of western Pennsylvania, the managers of the Free Dispensary, Directors of the Poor in nearly all western counties, the Homeopathic, West Penn and Allegheny General Hospitals, the United Presbyterian and Pittsburg Hospitals for Children, the Home for the Friendless, Protestant Home for Boys, and Christian Home in Allegheny, the Taunehill R. C. Orphan Asylum and Blind Asylum in Pittsburg, the Home for the Feeble-Minded at Elwyn, the Institution for Deaf Mutes at Edgewood, officials of the Pennsylvania Company's Lines, Allegheny Valley, West Penn, Pittsburg and Western and Baltimore and Ohio railroads have furnished valuable aid. To one and all, as well as to contributors and counselors everywhere, thanks are tendered.

It would be difficult to explain to persons not connected with charities of this character the hardships involved, the responsibility, the care, the worry attendant upon each round of duty. Young hearts to be kept from aching, minds to be instructed, little bodies to be raised in health, and, above all, untrained thoughts to be directed to the loving Giver of all good gifts. This is the task these women of the State have undertaken, and they are reassured at every step. More homes are offered than can be filled, and the public is urged to report cases of homeless children, that lonely, childless homes may be gladdened with the sound of innocents at their play.

As the result of the efforts made, the following statement is presented, and the figures given do not include many children who were assisted at their homes.

In Free Homes at present,	478
In Institutions and Hospitals,	65
In Boarding Homes,	73

Total under care at present, 616

Placed in Free Homes during the year,	184
Received from Almshouses during the year,.....	74
Received from other sources during the year,	236
Transferred among counties,.....	50
Total under care since organization,.....	1350
Passed from care of Society, through adoption, return to parents and friends, and death,	734

Respectfully submitted,

MYRA J. MASON,

Secretary.

TABLE SHOWING TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVED BY THE SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION, AND THE NUMBER NOW UNDER CARE OF THE SEVERAL AUXILIARIES.

COUNTIES.	Total Number Received.	Now under Care.	In Free Homes.	In Institutions and Hospitals	In Boarding Homes.
Allegheny,	492	110	83	7	20
Armstrong,	17	4	4	0	0
Beaver,	33	22	7	12	3
Blair,	90	74	59	1	14
Butler,	33	13	12	1	0
Cambria,	2	2	0	2	0
Cameron,	10	5	3	1	1
Clarion,	25	15	11	3	1
Clearfield,	31	18	14	2	2
Crawford,	85	33	20	8	5
Elk,	16	6	6	0	0
Erie,	3	3	2	0	1
Fayette,	112	65	49	5	11
Forest,	1	0	0	0	0
Fulton,	9	6	6	0	0
Greene,	32	24	20	3	1
Indiana,	48	42	41	1	0
Jefferson,	30	11	10	1	0
Lawrence,	51	24	23	0	1
Mercer,	53	31	26	5	0
Somerset,	27	14	9	1	4
Venango,	67	34	27	6	1
Warren,	25	20	16	4	0
Washington,	42	22	20	2	0
Westmoreland,	16	16	8	0	8
Receiving Wages, .....	....	2	2	....	....
	1350	616	478	65	73

TREASURER'S REPORT.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 1, 1894.

MARGARET MCC. PRICE, *Treasurer*,

In Account with CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Western Pennsylvania.

RECEIPTS.

Special Appropriation,.....	\$1,854 31
Soldiers' Orphan Commission, for Ollie McComon's maintenance,	215 00
Mr. Nelson, for Ed. Grim's maintenance,.....	60 00
Directors of the Poor of Cambria county,.....	10 00
Blair county C. A. S., for children's boarding,	40 32
Washington county C. A. S., for children's traveling expenses,.....	3 91
State Appropriation,.....	3,750 00
From Treasurer,.....	61 78
Cash,.....	70
Total receipts to date,.....	<u>\$5,996 02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Indebtedness June 1, 1893,	\$1,854 31
County Societies,	1,150 00
Maintenance of Children,.....	407 30
Salaries,.....	608 00
Transferring Children,	159 21
Dry Goods and Shoes,	119 75
Organizing Committee, for expenses of organizing,.....	250 00
Printing and Stationery,.....	63 15
Office Allowance,	75 00
Ice,.....	12 96
Janitor,.....	50 00
Office Furnishment,.....	1 40
Medical Attention,.....	20 30
Assessment to Convention of Directors of the Poor,...	10 00
Treasurer's Expenses to Harrisburg,.....	27 00
Returned to Treasurer,.....	61 78
Managers for expenses in interest of the work,.....	429 66
Cash on Hand,.....	696 20
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Receipts,.....	\$5,996 02
Disbursements,.....	5,299 82
Cash on Hand,.....	699 20
Bills Payable, June 1, 1894.....	2,110 52

MARGARET MCC. PRICE,
Audited and found correct, June 1, 1894. *Treasurer.*
JOHN PORTERFIELD.

TABLE SHOWING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Balance.
Allegheny,.....	\$2,822 69	\$2,591 78	\$230 91
Armstrong,.....	121 13	33 82	87 31
Blair,.....	1,798 26	1,680 88	117 38
Butler,.....	142 65	89 91	52 74
Beaver,.....	163 26	74 61	88 65
Crawford,.....	310 28	184 11	126 17
Clearfield,.....	516 61	461 13	55 48
Clarion,.....	165 69	165 69	.....
Cameron,.....	90 90	47 20	43 70
Centre,.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambria,.....	80 08	28 60	51 45
Erie,.....	55 80	46 21	9 89
Elk,.....	56 51	21 12	35 39
Fayette,.....	1,000 96	921 69	79 27
Forest,.....	54 95	8 86	46 09
Fulton,.....	67 05	41 80	25 25
Greene,.....	126 44	80 41	46 03
Indiana,.....	244 38	2 9 35	25 03
Jefferson,.....	78 92	37 52	41 40
Lawrence,.....	805 65	334 76	470 80
Mercer,.....	82 00	64 83	17 17
Somerset,.....	279 34	110 63	168 71
Venango, ..	374 90	248 87	126 93
Washington,	378 73	227 07	151 66
Warren,....	304 84	172 90	31 94
Westmoreland,	383 32	355 00	28 32
Meadville Auxiliary,.....	272 53	146 96	125 54
	<u>\$10,677 87</u>	<u>\$8,395 74</u>	<u>\$2,292 13</u>

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 1, 1894.

Another year has rolled around and brought the fifth anniversary of the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania, and a call for the annual report of the office work of the Society.

There have been received at the main office, during the year, forty-five children (special cases). These have been received from the following counties :

Washington county,	20
Greene county,.....	5
Crawford county,	4
Beaver county,.....	6
Fayette county,.....	2
Blair county,	3
Somerset county,	1
Venango county,	1
Humane Society of Western Pa.,	3
	— 45

These children have been cared for as follows :

In Hospitals for temporary treatment,	13
United Presbyterian Memorial Hospital,	5
Children's Hospital, Forbes street,.....	7
Allegheny General Hospital,	1
No. discharged from U. P. Memorial Hospital,	4
“ “ “ Children's Hospital, Forbes street,.....	6
“ “ “ Allegheny General Hospital,	1
Leaving, at date, one in each of the children's hospitals.	
Transferred to Elwyn,.....	1
“ “ Pittsburgh Institution for the Blind,	1
“ “ St. Paul's Orphan School, Butler,	1
“ “ Home for the Friendless, Allegheny,.....	4
	— 20

Children that have been placed in homes through the office,	25
Fulton county,	6
Allegheny county,	8
Butler county,	2
Beaver county,	2
Indiana county,	1
Jefferson county,	2
Mercer county,	1
Venango county,	2
Warren county,	1
Of this number, two have been returned to their own counties.	— 25

Other efforts to care for children during the year have been attended with partial success. Admission has been sought at the Institution for Deaf Mutes for four children. In one case, the child was accepted and admitted ; two others were accepted to be admitted September first ; the result of the fourth application has not been made known at this office. Applications have been made at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind for four children. There has been but one admission ; it is that of a young colored girl who has been in Allegheny since January, waiting for the opening of the new building, which was several weeks later than was anticipated. When the opening came it was found that she could not be admitted until June first. It is a great disappointment that the other applicants cannot at present be admitted. The terms of their State appropriation only allow the admission of a certain number of pupils, up to a certain time ; hence the delay. Six applications for admission at Elwyn have been made during the year : three from Beaver county, two from Allegheny county and one from Lawrence county. Two of the Beaver county children were accepted. In one case the mother decided to keep her child, and an effort was made to substitute another child in her place, but, unfortunately, the grade of the second child did not correspond with that of the first, so that only one child was taken there. The two Allegheny and the Lawrence county cases were refused.

Two cases for special treatment have come up during the year. One was a case of peculiar mental disturbance in a very young child, a boy ; the other was as peculiar a case, though of a different kind and an older child. In the first case, the child was accepted conditionally at the Homeopathic Hospital, but circumstances intervened, in the county to which the child belongs, and the ladies were unable to send him. In the second case, no provision could be made for the child (also a boy).

For the first time in the history of the State Society, it has had to send a child (a boy of fourteen,) to Morganza.

Unsuccessful efforts have been made, at three different times, to have children admitted at the Colored Orphans' Home.

Temporary boarding has been granted, when needed, at the Protestant Boarding Home for Boys, Allegheny, and temporary care has been given, for a few days at a time, at the Home for the Friendless, Allegheny. Four children of one family have been granted boarding indefinitely at the Home for the Friendless, on the payment of a small sum by the mother. These children belong in Beaver Falls. An effort is now being made, at the behest of the Beaver county society, to have the children (two in each family) of parties in Beaver Falls and Monaco boarded by the parents in the same institution.

An unsuccessful effort was made to have two other children received at the Ridge Avenue Home, and renewed at the U. P. Children's Home with success. All that was needed was the consent of the children ; lacking it, the mother took them home again.

Of course, these matters have involved many visits to the institutions named and others as well. The following institutions were visited during the year :

	<i>Visits.</i>
Morganza,.....	2
Washington County Children's Home,.....	5
Allegheny City Home,.....	3
Ridge Avenue Home,.....	2
United Presbyterian Orphans' Home,	4
Colord Orphans' Home,.....	1
Tannehill R. C. Asylum,.....	1
Blind Asylum,.....	5
School for Deaf Mutes,.....	3
Boys' Boarding Home,	15
Home for the Friendless,.....	10
St. Paul's Orphans' School, Butler,.....	6
West Penn Hospital,.....	2
Homeopathic Hospital,	5
Passavant's Hospital,	2
St. Francis' Hospital,	1
Allegheny General Hospital,..	10
United Presbyterian Memorial Hospital,	20
Children's Hospital, Forbes street,	15

These visits do not include all that have been made in the interests of the work during the year.

Total number of visits made.....	865
Number of calls received in office,.....	242
Number of counties visited by Actuary, in interest of the work,.....	11

	<i>Visits.</i>
Butler county,.....	5
Washington county,	3
Greene county,	2
Beaver county,	2
Mercer county,	2
Blair county,	2
Armstrong county,	1
Erie county,.....	1
Fulton county,	1
Lawrence county,.....	1
Venango county,	1

One of the visits to Blair county was made by the assistant in office.

The correspondence for the year has been in fair proportion to the visits made.

Number of letters, cards and telegrams received,	1,036
“ “ “ “ sent,	1,602

This does not include the reports sent of the Williamsport Convention of the Directors of the Poor, report of the commission on the site for the Institution for the Feeble-Minded, or the issue of the *Commercial-Gazette* of February first, containing protest of Messers. McGonnigle, Carr and others, against the Polk site, which were sent from this office; one hundred eighty pamphlets, papers and circulars were mailed at that time.

The Executive Committee having decided that a general register, containing the names of all children that have ever been under the care of the auxiliaries of the State Society, should be opened, the names gathered from the societies and entered in the register alphabetically, the Secretary was authorized to get the book, and the Actuary was instructed to make the entries as soon as the lists of names were received from the societies. The names were first arranged alphabetically county by county; it was found that this plan would not work, hence it became necessary to rearrange the lists without regard to counties; this plan works admirably. At the same time, another book was authorized by the Committee, for transfers, in which the names of the children of each county that have been transferred to other counties shall be entered, giving the name of county, town and post office, as well as the name of person taking the child. This book was also selected by the State Secretary and the entries made.

Blank lists of questions, one for the use of persons making application for a child, the second for the use of persons whose names have been given as reference, have been printed and circulated through the societies. The blanks hitherto used by the secretaries and treasurers have proven to be unsatisfactory to them, as well as to the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. New blanks were ordered, and a committee appointed to attend

to the work. New forms were drawn up, approved, printed, and given to the societies. A supply of the charter and by-laws of the State Society, and of its objects, printed on slips, have also been provided and distributed.

An assistant was elected during the year, to come to the office when her services are needed, to make visits, and, in the absence of the Actuary, to take charge of the office ; thus rendering valuable help in the running work of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY P. SAMSON,

Actuary.



REPORT OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

The Organizing Committee would report that the following counties have been visited during the year :—Allegheny, Blair, Butler, Beaver, Cambria, Clarion, Centre, Erie, Elk, Forest, Fayette and Connellsville Auxiliary, Lawrence, Mercer, Jefferson and Punxsutawney Auxiliary, Venango, Warren, Bedford, Somerset, Westmoreland and Irwin Auxiliary.

We are pleased to report that a society has been organized in Centre county. Also, a committee has been organized at Tionesta, Forest co.

During the year, we have met with members of the State Board of Charities, with two members of the Soldiers' Orphan Commission, and secured one of their reports for our office. We have made twenty-seven visits to counties, and held eleven meetings of the Committee.

Two hundred and fifty dollars have been given the Committee for their work this year, of which a balance of four dollars and sixty cents remains on hand.

MRS. MARGARET MCC. PRICE, *Chairman*,
MRS. SUE WILLARD,
MRS. BELLE K. RICHARDS, *Secretary*,
MRS. J. L. ANDERSON.

REPORT OF REFORMATORY COMMITTEE.

This is a line of work in which every county should be interested ; if not now, I hope they may be before this meeting closes.

The work of this Committee is to save the youthful offender from being branded as a criminal, and also to help those who have been in penal institutions, but, by their good conduct, have earned their parole. These need some strong hand to help them, that they may forget the past and lead better and nobler lives.

During the year, this Committee has held six meetings and been informed in regard to those whom they might benefit.

Personal visits have been made to the four penal institutions in western Pennsylvania, the Allegheny county Workhouse, the central stations in Allegheny and Pittsburg, the Huntingdon Reformatory, Morganza, and the following county jails: Allegheny, Blair, Fayette, Warren, Crawford, Beaver, Greene, Mercer and Indiana. The results are: We have had eighteen cases reported to us and given them our assistance. One of them, a girl from Indiana county, rescued from going to jail, has since been married, and is doing very well. Another, an eleven years old girl, was taken from the Beaver county jail, where she was found in a cell with three depraved women, one of whom was her mother. We removed her and placed her with a good woman until other arrangements were made for her. We were partially instrumental in having a thirteen years old boy, who was sentenced to the Western Penitentiary, removed to Morganza. The

boy is now visited by the members of our Committee, and a personal correspondence is kept up with him. (We endeavor to do so in all cases of this kind.) We have a boy in the Huntingdon Reformatory, who is friendless. We have taken him under our care, and two weeks ago it was my privilege to see and talk with him. He said he hoped to earn his parole by September, and asked us to have a place for him on a farm. One of our ladies has been writing to him once a month, and the Society has been very much interested

We simply mention these few cases as samples of the work coming before this Committee. Others, equally interesting, must, for manifest reasons, be omitted.

MRS. SUE WILLARD,
Secretary.



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
Children's Aid Society
OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS No. 1.

*In re Application for Charter for the Children's Aid Society
of Western Pennsylvania.*

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF THE SAID COURT :

The subscribers, all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, desiring to be formed with other persons, their associates, into corporation, hereby set forth and certify the following charter for said incorporation, in conformity with the Act of Assembly approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and entitled: "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations."

CHARTER.

(The Charter is the Constitution of the Society.)

I. The name of said corporation shall be the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania.

II. The purpose for which it is formed is to provide for the welfare of any destitute children who may come under its control.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the city of Pittsburg, and in any of the counties in Western Pennsylvania in which the corporation may establish branch offices to be under its control, in accordance with its by-laws.

IV. The corporation is to endure perpetually.

V. The corporation not being for pecuniary profit, no capital stock is subscribed.

VI. The number of directors shall be twenty; the names and residences of those who have been chosen directors for the first year are as follows:

MRS. PARK PAINTER, Allegheny, Pa.
 MRS. W. W. WILSON, Armstrong Co., Pa.
 MRS. M. S. QUAY, Beaver Co., Pa.
 MRS. M. S. TEMPLETON, Butler Co., Pa.
 MRS. J. N. BOLARD, Butler Co., Pa.
 MRS. GEORGE ARNOLD, Clarion Co., Pa.
 MRS. D. H. WALLACE, Lawrence Co., Pa.
 MRS. LEWIS EMERY, McKean Co., Pa.
 MRS. V. S. BLOOD, Jefferson Co., Pa.
 MRS. J. E. KEGLER, Washington Co., Pa.
 MRS. J. B. SCOTT, Allegheny, Pa.
 MRS. B. F. WOODBURN, Allegheny, Pa.
 MRS. J. R. DARRAGH, Sharpsburg, Pa.
 MRS. E. M. CAMPBELL, Allegheny, Pa.
 MRS. A. H. WALLACE, Pittsburg, Pa.
 MRS. JENNIE LITTLE, Cambria Co., Pa.
 MRS. E. PIPER, Blair Co., Pa.
 MRS. MYRA J. MASON, Pittsburg, Pa.
 MRS. McC. PRICE, Allegheny, Pa.
 MRS. LILLIAS J. ALSTON, Allegheny, Pa.

VII. The Board of Directors shall have power to make such by-laws as may be necessary and proper to regulate and conduct the business of the corporation.

VIII. The subscribers, all residents of the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and their respective residences, are here appended.

MRS. LILLIAS J. ALSTON,	[SEAL.]
MRS. A. H. WALLACE,	[SEAL.]
MRS. MYRA J. MASON,	[SEAL.]
MRS. ELIZABETH M. CAMPBELL,	[SEAL.]
MRS. MAGARET McC. PRICE,	[SEAL.]
MRS. FANNIE J. DARRAGH,	[SEAL.]

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, SS :

Before me, W. H. Graham, Recorder of Deeds in and for said county, personally appeared Augusta H. Wallace, Fannie J. Darragh, Lillias J. Alston, three of the subscribers to the within and foregoing certificate of incorporation of the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this December 12, 1888.

(Official Seal.)

WM. H. GRAHAM, Recorder.

NO. 66 MARCH TERM, 1889.

In re Application of Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania.

AND NOW TO WIT: January 7th, 1889, the within charter and certificate of incorporation having been presented in open court, accompanied by due proof of publication of the notice of application, as required by the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, I hereby certify that I have examined and perused the said writing and have found the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class specified in the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, and the same appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the community, on motion of D. M. Alston on behalf of the petitioners, I do hereby order and direct the said charter of the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania to be and the same is hereby approved, and that upon the recording of the same and this order, the subscribers thereto, and their associates, shall be a corporation of the name of the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania, for the purposes and upon the terms stated in within charter.

J. F. SLAGLE,

Ad. Judge Common Pleas No. 1.

Attest.—JNO. BRADLEY, Pro.

From the Record.
(Court Seal.)

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, SS:

I, Wm. H. Graham, Recorder of Deeds, etc., in and for said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a charter as recorded in Charter Book, vol. 12, page 276, this 8th day of January, A. D. 1889.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 9th day of January, A. D. 1889.

(Official Seal.)

WM. H. GRAHAM, Recorder.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, one Vice President from every auxiliary society, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1, PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and give the casting vote in a tie.

SEC. 2, VICE PRESIDENT. In absence of the President, the Society shall choose a presiding officer from among the Vice Presidents, who shall perform all the duties of the President.

SEC. 3, SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of the meetings, prepare an annual report and all others required. She shall turn over all the books and records of any kind belonging to the Society in her possession to her successor.

SEC. 4, TREASURER. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society; send sworn quarterly reports to State Treasurer, and to prepare annual report.

ARTICLE III.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be held in Pittsburg, on the first Thursday of June. It shall be an all day meeting, opening at 9:30 A. M. It shall be composed of all the Board of Directors of this Society, the President of all its auxiliary societies, and one delegate for every ten paying members in each auxiliary society, each society paying expenses of its own delegate.

ARTICLE IV.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any county in Western Pennsylvania may become auxiliary to this Society by indorsing its constitution and by-laws, and sending a written notice of desire to become auxiliary, to the State Actuary, at the state headquarters, Pittsburg.

ARTICLE V.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 1. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a board of twenty Directors, elected at the annual meeting, who shall immediately after their election organize by electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Society being by virtue of their office Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors and residents of the county in which state headquarters are located.

DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN.

SEC. 2. Duties of Chairman shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board, and give the casting vote in a tie. She shall also be chairman of Executive Committee and ex-officio member of all other committees.

SEC. 3. This Board shall appoint the following committees immediately after organization : Executive, Organizing, Office and Decision of Cases. Three members shall constitute a quorum of each committee.

SEC. 4. The failure of any member of the board to report at three regular consecutive meetings of the Board shall be considered a resignation, and action taken accordingly.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of receipts and disbursements of the Society, and make a report at each regular meeting of Board and Executive Committee, and an annual report at the annual meeting, to pay out money only on bills approved by the Executive Committee of this Society, and in accordance with the Act of Legislature securing State appropriation; to deliver the books to an auditor appointed by the Board each year, to be audited.

ARTICLE VII.

STATE FUNDS.

In applying State appropriation the Board will look:

1ST. To perfecting the organization of counties in Western Pennsylvania.

2D. To the payment of the expenses of the state office in Pittsburg.

3D. To assist each county society, as its needs may appear, by sharing expenses incurred in finding homes, placing children, when such expense cannot be otherwise provided for.

4TH. For the transportation and maintenance of destitute children not taken from Directors of the Poor, wherever the need is most urgent.

5TH. For traveling expenses incurred by members attending meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

POWERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 1. The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint such advisors, visitors or actuaries as they may deem necessary, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation. Also to fill all vacancies occurring during the year in their own body.

SEC. 2. This Board also has power to constitute through its Organizing Committee, County Children's Aid Societies in such counties in Western Pennsylvania as may to them seem proper. The societies organized to be confirmed by the Board of Directors of Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE IX.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

SEC. 1. When the societies have been confirmed by the Board, they shall be accepted as the representatives of this Society, working under its charter, making monthly reports of all transactions and working in harmony with the constitution and by-laws which this Board may adopt.

SEC. 2. When the societies are operative, this Board will recognize them as its only instrument in dealing through them with Directors of the Poor and all other parties in their respective counties.

ARTICLE X.

MEETINGS OF BOARD.

The regular meetings of this Board shall be held quarterly, on the first Thursday of June, September, December and March. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI.

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The regular meeting of Executive Committee shall be held on the first Monday of each month at 2 P. M., consider all business of the Society, present quarterly reports to Board of Directors. Chairman and Secretary of the Board shall sign all warrants on Treasurer.

ARTICLE XII.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

Committee on Organization shall have entire control of all arrangements for organizing Children's Aid Societies in counties with almshouses or wherever desirable, said organizing to be done by members of Committee

or by Actuary of the Board, unless otherwise provided for by Board of Directors' committee, and present monthly reports to Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICE COMMITTEE.

Office Committee shall have general oversight of all affairs relating to office, unless otherwise ordered, and present monthly report to Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON DECISION OF CASES.

All matters relating to children in care of this Society shall be referred to Committee on Decision of Cases, who shall report to the Executive Committee monthly.

ARTICLE XV.

All books and papers belonging to this Society shall be open to inspection by any member of the Board of Directors at any time.

ARTICLE XVI.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Board by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided notice has been given in writing at a previous regular meeting.

SUGGESTIONS TO WORKERS.

1. The visitor for the Children's Aid Society should see the child alone.
2. Inspect the child's clothing.
3. See the sleeping-room of the child.
4. Investigate the school training, which should be not less than six consecutive months in each year.
5. Inquire also if the child attends church or Sunday school regularly.
6. Bring the child away, if for any cause such removal should be deemed best.

If it should be thought best for the child to receive wages after a certain period, instead of schooling and clothing, a careful account of all such money either spent or kept for the child should be required.

OBJECTS AND METHODS.

The object of the Children's Aid Society is to provide for the welfare of destitute and neglected children by such means as shall be best for them and for the community. Our method of accomplishing this object is:

1. By placing such children in carefully selected private families, mostly in the country, paying a moderate rate of board where necessary, and following up each case with such inquiry and supervision as may secure to the child the conditions of physical and moral well-being.

2. By utilizing existing institutions for children as temporary homes, while permanent family places are being sought.

3. By putting, so far as possible, the support of a child upon its relatives or parents, legitimate or otherwise, and by preventing the needless separation of mothers and children.

4. The law forbidding the detention of children in almshouses can best be carried out by the co-operation of the Directors of the Poor, with voluntary associations of discreet and benevolent women, who are willing to find places for the children, look after their welfare, and report to the Directors. It is for the interest of the tax payers that these children be taken out of the pauper class as soon as possible and absorbed in the community.

5. In a county where such an association exists, and where the Directors make fair allowance for the support of the children, there is no excuse for detaining any child in the headquarters for paupers and no need of creating an institution for pauper children.



ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

Regulating the Custody of Destitute Minor Children.

No. 98.

AN ACT

TO PROHIBIT THE RECEIVING AND DETAINING OF CHILDREN IN ALMS-
HOUSES AND POOR HOUSES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE OF SUCH
CHILDREN.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that it shall not be lawful for the Overseers, or Guardians, or Directors of the Poor in the several counties, cities, boroughs and townships of this Commonwealth to receive into, or retain in any almshouse or poor house any child between two and sixteen years of age, for a longer time than sixty days, unless such child be an unteachable idiot, an epileptic or a paralytic, or otherwise so disabled or deformed as to render it incapable of labor or service.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said overseers or other persons having charge of the poor, to place all pauper children who are in their charge, and who are over two years of age, (with the exception named in the first section of this Act,) in some respectable family in this State, or in some educational institution or home for children; and one of the said officers shall visit such children in person or by agent, not less than once every six months, and make all needful inquiries as to their treatment and welfare, and shall report thereon to the board of overseers or other officers charged with the care of such children.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for any county, or for two or more counties in this Commonwealth acting together, to establish and maintain an industrial home for the care and training of children; but such institution or home shall be remote from any almshouse or poor house, and entirely disconnected from the same, and under separate management from the keepers of the poor house.

SEC. 4. This Act shall go into effect on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and all Acts of Assembly, or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed from that date.

Approved the thirteenth day of June, A. D. 1883.

ROBERT E. PATTISON.

[SENATE BILL No. 58.]

AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITMENT OF MINORS BY MAGISTRATES, JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, OR JUDGES, TO CERTAIN CHARITABLE SOCIETIES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF SUCH COMMITMENT AND THE COST OF THE VISITATION OF SUCH MINORS.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for any Society, duly incorporated, having for one of its objects the protection of children from cruelty, or the placing of children not otherwise provided for in families, to receive into its care and guardianship, at its discretion, minors committed to this care and guardianship by any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, or Judge of any Court upon complaint and due proof made, (1) that such minor, by reason of incorrigible, unmanageable, vicious, or wayward conduct, is beyond the control of the parent or guardian of such infant, or (2) that the parents of such minor, by reason of vagrancy, incorrigible or vicious conduct, criminal offences, moral depravity, or cruelty, are unfit to have the training and control of such minor, or (3) that the said minor is a vagrant, and has no parent or guardian capable or willing to restrain, manage or take proper care of such minor; or the said Society may receive under its care and guardianship any minor as aforesaid when such minor has been committed to its care and guardianship by the Judge of any Court after said minor shall have been duly convicted of any criminal offense.

SEC. 2. It shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, or Judge of any Court to commit minors to any Society, duly incorporated, having for one of its objects the protection of children from cruelty, or the placing of children not otherwise provided for in families, upon complaint and due proof made of facts such as are set forth in the first section of this Act, after the said minors have been duly convicted of any criminal offense.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace or Magistrate aforesaid, committing a vagrant or incorrigible or vicious minor as aforesaid, or any minor as provided in Section 1 of this Act, to annex to his commitment the names and residences of the different witnesses examined before him, and the substance of the testimony given by them respectively on which the said adjudication was founded.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace making a commitment, as provided in the first and second sections of this Act, of a minor to any Society, to transfer his commitment, together with the various matters annexed thereto, as provided in the third section of this Act, to the District Attorney of the county in which said commitment shall

be made, and it shall be the duty of the District Attorney when the same shall be placed in his hands, or as soon as it is possible thereafter, to place the said commitment with the matters annexed in the hands of a Judge sitting at Quarter Sessions, who shall examine the same and shall endorse thereon an order for the detention of the said minor by the said Society; or if he shall be of the opinion that the said minor has been wrongfully committed, he shall endorse upon the commitment an order for the discharge of the said minor.

Provided, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to interfere with an Act entitled, "An Act for the better securing of personal liberty and preventing unlawful imprisonment," passed on the 18th day of February, 1785, commonly called the *Habeas Corpus Act*

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Society to whom a commitment shall be made, in accordance with the provisions of the first section of this Act, when the minors so committed to it are placed in respectable families, subject to the visitation and supervision of such person as may from time to time be appointed for such purpose by the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which such commitment shall be made, to select, so far as it may be possible, families of the same religious denomination as that to which the parents of children committed to its care shall belong.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Judges of the several Courts of Common Pleas within this Commonwealth to appoint visitors to visit the children committed, in accordance with the provision of this Act, by any Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, or Judge in their respective counties, the said visits to be made at intervals not longer than once every six months, and the said visitors shall report upon the character of the home in which said child shall be placed, and the expense of said visitation shall be borne by the counties aforesaid.

SEC. 7. Authority is hereby given to every city of the first class, in the discretion of the Councils thereof, to make appropriations from the treasury thereof to any Society having for one of its objects the protection of children from cruelty, or the placing of children not otherwise provided for in families, to which Society children of the citizens of said city may by law be committed by the Magistrates or Judges of the county within which said city may be situated; and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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OF

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Actuary.—Mrs. M. P. Samson.



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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY
OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania held its seventh annual meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Clearfield, June 4th and 5th, 1896, Mrs. L. P. Wilson presiding and Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Secretary.

Rev. Tiebley, of Clearfield, opened the first session with prayer.

Mrs. F. B. Reed of Clearfield welcomed the ladies in the following words:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:—To many of you we hope by this time a formal address of welcome is not necessary to make you feel at home in Clearfield. We are *not* like the old lady who said to the delegates she was entertaining—that *she* “was at home and wished they all were too.” (Though doubtless her intentions were better than her mode of expression.) But we heartily hope that you will take away from this meeting not only memories of a profitable time, but also of a pleasant visit. We are glad to have you here. We believe that your coming will do us, as a society, much good; both in creating interest among those of our community not acquainted with our work, and in stimulating to greater effort those already active.

For, although we can point to no such splendid achievements as some of your records show, yet we are proud to number so many earnest workers, always ready to answer the calls that come, so often at such unexpected and inopportune times. So we as a Society, bid you thrice welcome; and, although as a community, Clearfield is yearly being honored as the meeting place of an unusual number of organizations, we feel sure that none leave a more lasting impress for good, than this large body of earnest christian women meeting in the interest of the "little ones" always so dear to the heart of the Master, in whose name we once again bid you welcome.

Mrs. B. K. Richards, of Oil City responded in behalf of the Convention.

Mrs. President and Ladies:—In all work for the uplifting of humanity there are two features: the *pleasant* and the *unpleasant*. To the members of the Children's Aid Society I need not speak of the unpleasant things. You all know them. But through the trials, the anxieties, the discouragements, the pleasant things are sifted; and occur just often enough to keep up our courage and zeal. Such a time of sunshine is when we meet in Convention to enumerate our triumphs and compare our defeats.

This year, as the counties of Western Pennsylvania come together—I feel that we can be confident of the past being full of progress. Though lacking sufficient funds, the work has been nobly done; and we may take to heart the important lesson that not in *dollars and cents*, but rather in warm hearts and willing hands lie the *true* elements of success. Old workers have been revived by the sight of advances made; new members have brought fresh thought and effort into our Societies. There have been glimpses of possibilities, and new avenues have opened in many directions. Our women are learning to take advantage of opportunities, and to work according to the surroundings in which they find themselves. Thus—in one of our counties there has been established a sort of Industrial School, meeting once a week, at which times the little ones are taught sewing, cooking, etc.

Let me add the money made by the cooking department alone was something over \$80.00 for the year, more than that county received from the State.

Before coming to Clearfield we were assured of the very warm welcome we have received. Let us hope that not to Clearfield alone will come the benefit of this meeting; but that while the Convention shall leave behind a lasting impression, and enthusiasm; *we* shall carry away to our noble work, the devotion of the Master whom we serve, and whose bidding we strive to follow.

The Convention was then favored with a solo by Miss Bertha Wilson, of Clearfield.

Roll call of Vice-Presidents and Board of Directors.

The following is a list of the ladies present:

- Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Allegheny.
- " A. H. Wallace, Allegheny.
- Miss Mary Robinson, Kittanning
- " Mary Heimer, Kittanning.
- " Jennie McKenzie, Apollo.
- Mrs. A. D. Piper, Beaver Falls.
- " Mrs. F. M. Chidsey, Beaver Falls.
- " S. H. Darragh, Beaver.
- " L. P. Wilson, Altoona.
- " G. H. Harper, Altoona.
- " T. C. Campbell, Butler.
- " Calvin G. Christie, Butler.
- " B. L. Boyer, Johnstown.
- " Belle Benford, Johnstown.
- " M. J. Davis, Johnstown.
- " J. J. Hinkle, Emporium.
- " L. V. Lamb, Emporium.
- " John Baker, Emporium.
- " George W. Arnold, Clarion.
- " C. H. Keller, Clarion.
- " J. L. R. Reichhold, Clearfield.
- " M. L. McQuown, Clearfield.
- " F. B. Reed, Clearfield.
- " W. W. Betts, Clearfield.
- " T. H. Murray, Clearfield.
- " A. R. Powell, Clearfield.
- " J. A. Neill, Titusville.
- " F. B. Brown, Titusville.
- " J. N. Bolard, Meadville.
- " D. G. Shryock, Meadville.
- " G. W. Childs, Ridgway.
- " O. B. Grant, Ridgway.
- " J. R. Greaves, Corry.
- " Randall Palmer, Corry.
- " H. L. Rankin, Uniontown.
- " C. L. Smith, Uniontown.
- " C. M. Boyd, Uniontown.

Mrs. W. C. Helmbold, Curwensville.
 " L. E. Gross, Marienville.
 " J. H. Robertson, Marienville.
 " J. L. Craig, Tionesta.
 " D. H. Patterson, Webster's Mills.
 " W. F. Hamilton, Washington.
 Miss Lola B. Hayes, Washington.
 Mrs. Sue Willard, Indiana.
 " Sarah Hildebrand, Indiana.
 " Parker Blood, Brookville.
 " E. M. Kincaid, New Castle.
 " A. J. McKean, Mercer.
 " B. K. Richards, Oil City.
 " H. L. Lay, " "
 " F. S. Bates, " "
 " Russelas Brown, Warren.
 " H. T. Kurtz, Bellefonte.
 Miss M. E. Sturgeon, Uniontown.

The minutes of last session of Convention in Oil City were read and approved.

The reports of State Secretary, Treasurer and Actuary were read, and on motion each was approved read.

Reports of County Secretaries and Treasurers were read by delegates from the several counties

Reformatory Committee report read by its Chairman, Mrs. V. S. Blood, and on motion approved.

Secretary then gave a report of the number of counties sending in twelve Secretaries reports for the past year.

Report of Finance Committee given by the Chairman, Mrs. Sue Willard Mrs. Willard explained she had purchased a book in which all bills coming into her hands were entered, and the bill then O. K.. In this manner the bills are kept correct. We find it most essential that we have a Finance Committee. On motion this most satisfactory report was accepted.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Music by Miss Sue Cardon, Clearfield.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Stephens, Clearfield.

Minutes of Morning Session read and on motion approved.

The President stated that before the election of officers,

the Convention must decide whether or not the substitutes should be allowed to vote.

Mesdames Anderson, Lay, McKean, and Miss Robinson made remarks on the subject.

Motion made and seconded all substitutes present who represent members of the Board, and Delegates, have a vote. *Carried.*

Motion made and seconded the State President be made a member of the State Board. *Carried.*

Moved and seconded this motion be made a By-Law.

Remarks made by Mesdames—Blood, Anderson, Wallace, Wilson, Bates, Lay, Rankin, Willard, and Boyer.

The motion prevailed.

It was then found this proceeding was unparliamentary, as the By-Laws must first be changed.

Motion made and seconded; the President represent her county on the State Board. *Carried.*

Convention then proceeded with the election of officers. Tellers appointed were: Mrs. J. L. Greaves, Miss M. Heiner, and Mrs. G. W. Arnold.

The nominations for President were: Mrs. B. K. Richards, Mrs. W. R. Thompson, and Mrs. Parker Blood.

A ballot was taken, and Mrs. B. K. Richards was declared elected. Mrs. Blood then suggested the vote for Mrs. Richards be a rising one, and this was done.

While the Tellers were absent from the room Mrs. Anderson read invitations from Ridgeway and Uniontown, to the Convention to hold their next meeting in their respective towns.

Mrs. Wilson stated that Altoona also wants us for next year; while Mrs. T. C. Campbell assured us we would be made much at home in Butler.

After discussion it was moved and seconded the next Convention be held in Uniontown. *Carried.*

Mrs. J. L. Anderson of Allegheny, was nominated for Secretary. As this was the only nomination, it was moved and seconded Mrs. Anderson be elected by a rising vote, which was done.

Mrs. H. L. Mason, of Pittsburg was elected Treasurer by a rising vote of the Convention.

Mrs. Willard stated some counties had sent delegates, but had not instructed them as to their member on the State

Board. Discussion by the following ladies: Mesdames Anderson, Wilson, Blood, McKean, Palmer, Willard, Neill, Richards, and Miss Robinson.

Mrs. Anderson read this notice:

"I, or some one in my place will make a motion at our next semi-annual meeting that we have quarterly meetings of the board."

As the names of the counties were called, the delegate from that county laid upon the table the written names of their member on the State Board.

When the name was handed in from Venango county it was Mrs. H. L. Lay, thus giving to Venango county two members on State Board.

After discussion it was moved and seconded Venango county have two representatives on the State Board. Carried.

Moved and seconded we allow Blair county two members on the State Board. Carried.

Mrs. Geo. Harper named as second member.

The Board of Directors were as follows:

Mrs. B. K. Richards—President.

" J. L. Anderson—Secretary.

" H. L. Mason—Treasurer.

Mrs. Archie Alston, Allegheny county.

" A. H. Wallace, Allegheny county.

Miss Mary Robinson, Armstrong county.

Mrs. S. H. Darragh, Beaver county.

" L. P. Wilson, Blair county.

" George H. Harper, Blair county.

" T. C. Campbell, Butler county.

" M. L. Lloyd, Cambria county.

" A. W. Baker, Cameron county.

" B. H. Frampton, Clarion county.

" D. L. Krebs, Clearfield county.

" J. A. Neill, Crawford county.

" J. N. Bolard, Crawford county Auxilliary.

" John Kurtz, Centre county.

" L. H. Ravenscroft, Elk county.

" J. R. Greaves, Erie county.

" H. L. Rankin, Fayette county.

" T. F. Richey, Forest county.

" K. A. Patterson, Fulton county.

" T. W. Knox, Greene county.

" Sue Willard, Indiana county.

" V. S. Blood, Jefferson county.

" E. M. Kincaid, Lawrence county.

" James Patterson, Mercer county.

" M. S. Biesecker, Somerset county.

" H. L. Lay, Venango county.

" E. S. Brown, Warren county.

Miss Madaline Le Moyne, Washington county.

After these names were read by Secretary the Convention ratified the ballot by a rising vote.

Mrs. Anderson explained about the State money and suggested that each county take \$75.00 this year, instead of the usual \$100.

Motion made and seconded we continue the \$75.00 per year to counties until we receive another State appropriation.
Carried.

Mrs. A. H. Wallace, as delegate from Allegheny county, read the following:

WHEREAS, The Children's Aid Society of Allegheny county is situated in the midst of a population of half a million souls, being in the centre of two large cities with immense suburbs,

Also, the refusal of the city of Pittsburg to work with us, and the very slight co-operation of Allegheny city. In all populous cities crime and its results are increased, throwing much work on the county society.

We find ourselves handicapped for funds, and thus we must refuse many pleas that appeal to our sympathies, and to the just work of the Society, to keep some of the erring ones from going to complete destruction.

Our ladies are engaged, as they must necessarily be, in many lines of work, thus dividing their time and means.

In view of these facts be it resolved, that this Convention be asked to concede to this proposition: That in asking for the State appropriation this year, that Allegheny county will receive \$1,000 per annum from it, and that an increased appropriation be asked for in order to meet this extra appropriation to Allegheny county, and in no way curtailing the appropriations to the other counties.

Moved and seconded this resolution be laid on the table.
Carried.

Short remarks made by Mesdames Wallace, Rankin, Anderson, Wilson, Lay and Willard.

On motion adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock.

Evening session was held in the church with a splendid attendance.

A paper was read by Mrs. Anderson, and written by Mrs. Semans, Uniontown, who was not present.

A history of the work being done by Clearfield county Aid Society was given us by Mrs. M. L. McQuown.

Mrs. L. P. Wilson then gave a very instructive talk on the Aid work. Mrs. Wilson, in her clear, concise manner made it very plain to all within hearing of her voice, the urgent need of this work among the homeless little ones of our land.

Hon. Thomas H. Murray, of Clearfield, then spoke of our work from a legal stand point, and gave to us words of hearty encouragement.

During the evening the Convention was treated to several pieces of music by the young people of Clearfield.

At the close of this session an informal reception was held at which all seemed to enjoy themselves.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 9:30 o'clock on Friday, June 5th, 1896.

This session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Anderson.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon session were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Wilson stated that Mrs. Brown, of Crawford county was willing to answer questions concerning the Industrial School in Titusville.

A few minutes were given to these questions and their answer. This is a branch of work in which all the ladies were interested.

Mrs. Harper, of Altoona, gave us a full account of the Day Nursery as conducted in Kansas City.

Mrs. Wilson gave an account of the Industrial School in Altoona.

Mrs. Piper, of Beaver, told the Convention of their plan of working with their Poor Directors in Beaver county.

Mrs. Anderson gave a full account of her visit, accompanied by Mrs. Richards) to Elwyn Home for the Feeble-Minded and Magdaline Home.

Mrs. Willard then took the chair while Mrs. Wilson, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, gave the report of that committee.

On motion this report was approved.

Mrs. Wilson explained the need of a copy of our State

Charter, being in the possession of every county society. She also spoke of the work done in Pennsylvania by the Home Society.

Mrs. Lamb of Emporium reported a visit made to that town by Rev. Thompson, in the interests of the Home Society.

Suggested we have printed in our home papers, a report of the Home Society and its work in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Rankin then explained a mistake as to the attitude of the Poor Board in Fayette county.

Mrs. Willard told of their manner of working in Indiana county.

Mrs. Richards suggested it would be well to get Legislation to assist us in our work. While it is illegal to allow children in our almshouses after a certain age; there has, as yet, been no legislation to care for these little ones.

This brought up the subject of State Appropriation, and 'twas urged that the ladies see to it that their members of Legislature, from their several counties, be well supplied with Children's Aid Society reports.

Remarks made by Mesdames Willard, Blood, McKean, Anderson, Rankin and Darragh.

It was then suggested we ask for more money from the State, as we find the amount granted last was inadequate to the demands made upon us.

Mrs. Rankin then explained that as Ridgway had invited the Convention last year to meet with them this year, that Fayette would resign in favor of Elk county, but requested their invitation be considered good for next time.

Remarks by a number of ladies, and Mrs. Blood moved we reconsider the motion of yesterday regarding the next place of meeting, and meet in Ridgway. The motion was seconded, put to vote and prevailed.

Mrs. Wilson, the retiring President, thanked the ladies for the assistance given her during the past year.

Mrs. F. S. Bates, of Oil City, thanked the Convention for allowing Venango county two members on the State Board; and spoke of Mrs. Richard's efficiency in their County Society.

Motion made and seconded the Convention make a resolution regarding the National Home Society. Carried.

Mrs. Wilson appointed to draw up this resolution.

President appointed Mrs. Blood and Mrs. Lay, Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Anderson said the Ridgeway ladies had before their departure, spoken to her about the need of a pin or badge, to be used by us in our work.

Motion made and seconded we have some such badge or emblem peculiar to our work. Carried.

President appointed Mrs. F. S. Bates, Chairman of this Committee, with power to select her own Committee.

Moved and seconded the Convention give a hearty vote of thanks to the people of Clearfield for the royal manner in which we have been entertained. Carried.

This vote was a rising and unanimous one.

The minutes of the morning session were then read by Secretary, and on motion approved.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet June, 1897, in Ridgeway.

MRS. J. L. ANDERSON, Secretary.

MRS. B. K. RICHARDS, Ass't Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Annual meetings and annual reports afford opportunity for careful consideration of work accomplished; also thoughtful planning for work yet to be undertaken, and a summing up of results for future reference.

To-day the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania enters upon its seventh year, and Directors and friends are called to look back over the work that has been accomplished.

Our Society extends over twenty seven counties, and of these I have nothing but words of commendation.

All have done well, but some better than others. Allegheny, Blair, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Mercer, Venango, Warren, and Washington, have each sent twelve Secretary's reports during the past year—Fayette, and Jefferson eleven each; Cambria ten; Clearfield, Erie, and Somerset nine; Indiana and Lawrence eight; Armstrong

and Centre five; Cameron and Butler four; McKean and Westmoreland one.

All of these reports are full of interest and show many children cared for. I hope next year, your Secretary may be able to record twelve from each county. Our Organizing Committee have done very faithful work in visiting and organizing.

The Treasurer's statement shows that payments of the State appropriation have been received regularly, and I wish to bear testimony here to the careful and accurate reports which she prepares and presents to your executive Committee each month.

We have had during the past year twelve Executive Committee meetings, with an average attendance of seven members, at each of which much work has been planned and executed. I hope the Board of Directors realize how much responsibility rests with their Executive Committee, and if they sometimes make mistakes that will throw over what may seem, to them a mistake, the mantle of Charity.

We have had but two meetings of the Board of Directors, which I very much regret; for I am more and more convinced that we should have quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors, in order that we may do better work and be more helpful to each other.

Our Actuary has been very faithful during the past year, and I assure you her duties have been manifold, and the questions she is required to answer and the problems she has to solve would almost require the wisdom of Solomon. I am often surprised at the judgment she displays in matters in which most of us would be at sea. It would be difficult to explain to persons not connected with charities of this character, the hardship involved and the care and worry attendant upon each round of duty.

It would be difficult to specify from what sources we receive our children, but a few I might mention: Little ones who have been deprived of their natural protectors by death have a special claim upon our sympathy and care. Again parents come to us who, by reason of their physical condition are not able to care for their children. Sometimes we render them temporary assistance by boarding their children, at least in part, until they are again able to take up the burden of life. Sometimes an erring mother comes to us

realizing that she is not able to care for her little one, and begs us to take it. On account of the influence for good that a child may have on its mother, she is urged to retain it. We find a boarding home and assume the watchful care over it, placing the responsibility of the payment of its board on the mother. And we find sometimes the little one becomes the salvation of the mother who would have abandoned it, had it not been for the sympathetic and helpful hand of the Children's Aid Society. Another class we might call God's weak ones, who are mentally incapable either of supporting or training their little ones—these, too, have a special claim on our sympathy.

In the placing of children in homes we are particularly careful, and we feel more convinced as the years go by, that the family plan is the best one. In exchange for the dangerous and exciting life of city streets, we give to each child the happy, daily round of a well ordered family home, where it may learn habits of virtue and neatness, economy in the care of its clothes, the use of money and the responsibility taught by errands to a store or to a neighbor, a willingness to take part in the work of the household, and withal more independence of action than could possibly be learned in the sheltered and less varied life of a public institution.

Everybody has something to do for somebody. No one gets as much joy out of life as he who purposely lives for the good of another.

The West Pennsylvania Homeopathic, Allegheny General, Memorial and Children's Hospitals, have all treated without charge any cases we have sent them, and we can scarcely express our gratitude in words for their kindness.

We are also greatly indebted to the Press of our city for their kindly notices of our work.

Also to railroads for their many courtesies.

The following is a summary of children under our care, since organization, and at present:

In free homes at present.....	561
In institutions and hospitals.....	94
In boarding homes.....	91
Total.....	746

Received from alms houses during the year..... 79

From other sources	253
Transferred among the counties	53

Total number under our care since organization1,971
 Passed from care through return to parents, friends, coming of age,
 marriage, adoption, or death.....1,192
 Three at Elwyn under care of State Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARGARET H. ANDERSON, Sec'y.

Table Showing Total Number of Children Received by the
 Society Since its Organization.

COUNTIES.	Since organiz- ation.	In care at date	In free homes.	Board- ing homes.	Insti- or Hos.	Passed from care.
Allegheny.....	599	125	104	11	10	474
Armstrong.....	24	8	5	3	....	25
Beaver.....	60	11	8	1	2	49
Blair.....	154	82	62	12	8	72
Butler.....	36	16	13	3	....	22
Cameron.....	17	6	5	....	1	11
Cambria.....	44	37	9	10	18	9
Centre.....	15	10	5	4	1	5
Clarion.....	39	24	16	6	2	15
Clearfield.....	53	8	7	1	....	25
Crawford.....	131	70	39	14	17	61
Elk.....	26	8	8	....	....	18
Erie.....	11	4	4	....	....	7
Fayette.....	143	73	58	10	5	70
Forest.....	10	5	3	1	1	5
Fulton.....	17	16	16	....	..	1
Greene.....	43	21	17	....	4	29
Indiana.....	63	44	36	5	3	19
Jefferson.....	46	22	12	2	....	34
Lawrence.....	54	18	15	2	1	36
McKean.....	12	12	1	....	....	....
Mercer.....	108	47	41	1	5	51
Somerset.....	40	21	13	6	2	19
Venango.....	94	40	36	1	6	54
Warren.....	43	19	13	1	5	24
Washington.....	87	14	14	2	6	73
Westmoreland.....	21	21	13	8	....	1
State Board.....	....	....	....	....	3	..
Total.....	1,990	782	573	104	100	1,202

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. J. MASON, Treasurer, in account with Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

June 1st.	
Balance on hand,	\$ 153 96
Blair county Society for boarding children,	27 10
Washington Co. Society, traveling expenses of child,	3 50
Lizzie Crozier, for board,	2 87
Contributions,	37 00
For clothing,	43 39
P. T. Gamble,	5 70
From special fund, by general fund,	14 41
State appropriation,	4,184 34
Soldiers' Orphan Commission for maintenance of Ollie McComons,	232 72
Loan,	99 97
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	\$4,804 96

EXPENDITURES.

To First National Bank to pay outstanding check, \$	30 20
Dry goods,	65 96
Shoes,	24 93
Government envelopes,	32 70
Reformatory Committee,	50 00
Care of awnings for office,	2 00
Ice for office,	12 24
Office allowance,	89 00
To general fund from special fund,	14 41
Printing and stationery,	118 55
Clothing,	126 85
Contribution to Free Dispensary in lieu of rent,	50 00
Assessment to Convention Directors of the Poor,	10 00
Medicine and eye glasses,	5 69
Salaries, actuary and assistant,	744 94
Soldiers' Orphan Commission, balance due Ollie McComons,	158 55

Board and care of children,	279 25
To directors for traveling expenses in interest of the work,	889 69
Quarterly allowance to auxiliary societies,	2,100 00
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	\$4,804 96

Respectfully submitted, June 1st, 1896.

M. J. MASON, Treasurer.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 17th day of July, 1896
W. J. WHITE, Notary Public.

I have audited the above account and find it correct.

T. W. BRIGGS, Accountant.

NOTE.—The Treasurer desires to express her sincere thanks to W. J. White, Notary Public, for the uniform courtesy with which his services were rendered this society at all times free of charge.

M. J. MASON.

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

Annual report of office work of the Children's Aid Society
of Western Pennsylvania, June 1, 1896:

Children from preceding year.....	18
Children that have been received at and transferred from main office	43
Total.....	<hr/> 61
Received from Allegheny county.....	6
“ “ Armstrong county	1
“ “ Beaver county.....	1
“ “ Blair county	6
“ “ Cambria county.....	3
“ “ Crawford county.....	1
“ “ Fayette county	2
“ “ Greene county.....	3
“ “ Indiana county.....	1
“ “ Mercer county.....	4
“ “ Washington county.....	14
“ “ Central Station.....	1
Total received.....	<hr/> 43
Children from preceding year	18
Total.....	<hr/> 61

These children have been provided for in the following manner:

Transferred to counties, 37.

To Allegheny county.....	15
To Blair county.....	3
To Erie county.....	2
To Fayette county.....	1
To Fulton county.....	5
To Greene county.....	1
To Mercer county.....	5
To Venango county.....	1
To Westmoreland county.....	4
Total.....	37

Returned, 12

To counties.....	7
“ friends.....	5
Total.....	12

In Institutions, 11.

Soldiers' Orphan School.....	2
Tannehill Orphan's' Asylum (R. C.).....	1
Western Penna. Institution for the Blind.....	2
In the hospitals at date.....	3
In institutions.....	3
Total.....	11

Temporary care of State Board.....	1
In institutions.....	11
Returned to counties.....	7
Returned to friends.....	5
Transferred to counties.....	37
Total.....	61

In Hospitals during the year, 11.

West Penn.....	3
Childrens' Hospital, Forbes street.....	4
U. P. Memorial.....	3
Homeopathic.....	1
Total.....	11

, In Hospitals at date, 3.

U. P. Memorial.....	2
Childrens', Forbes street.....	1
Total.....	3

Arrangements have been made for the admission of two children at the Childrens' Hospital, Forbes street, as soon as they can be brought to Pittsburg. Various other arrangements for Hospital care for children have been attempted, but without success; sometimes because admission could not be secured at the Hospital, other times because applicants failed to respond to permits.

Hospitals visited, 6.

	Visits.
Homeopathic Hospital.....	5
West Penn Hospital.....	4
Childrens' Hospital.....	7
Allegheny General Hospital.....	4
Presbyterian Hospital.....	7
U. P. Memorial Hospital.....	6
Total.....	33

Institutions visited, 10.

	Visits.
Christian Gem Home.....	12
Gem Home for Children.....	7
Boys Boarding Home.....	9
Home for Friendless.....	8
Boys Protectory.....	1
Colored Orphans' Home.....	1
Childrens' Home.....	10
Morganza.....	4
Bethesda Home.....	4
Moorehead Union.....	4
Total.....	60

This list does not include several visits made to the Central Station and to the office of the Police Justice.

The transfer of children occupies much time in its performance, as some one has to take charge of them *en route*. Many counties are visited during the year in this branch of the work. Below are the names of the counties visited, and the number of visits (excepting in three or four instances) that have been made by Actuary:

	Visits.
Armstrong county.....	1
Blair county.....	3
Butler county.....	3
Erie county.....	3
Fayette county.....	4
Mercer county.....	6

Venango county.....	1
Washington county.....	14
Westmoreland.....	3
Harrison county, O.....	1
Total.....	39

Blanks for each department of the work of the Society are in the office and are sent to Societies on application. Secretaries' blanks have been sent, during the year, to the following counties:

Allegheny, Jefferson, Blair, Crawford, Venango, Indiana, Fayette, Fulton, Clearfield, Armstrong, Erie, Mercer, Cameron, Forest, Indiana, Clarion, Warren, Cambria, Irwin, Elk, Venango, Lawrence, Centre, McKean, Greene.

Treasurer's blanks have been sent to the following counties:

Allegheny, Jefferson, Forest, Centre, Crawford, Cameron, Warren, Somerset, Mercer, McKean, Clearfield, Clarion, Cambria, Blair, Washington, Lawrence.

Besides which there have been sent to the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Auxiliaries blanks for their annual reports to the General Society at Clearfield.

Application and reference blanks have been sent to the following counties:

McKean, Meadville, Allegheny, Jefferson, Warren, Venango.

Agreements have been sent to Somerset county.

Releases have been sent to Venango, Mercer and Warren counties.

Soldiers' Orphans blanks have been sent to Mercer, Washington and Indiana counties.

Elwyn blanks have been sent to Clearfield.

Blank for the Home for Epileptics to Blair and Lawrence counties.

Actuary was instructed to send for programs for the annual meeting of the Society and send them to all the counties, requesting that the Secretaries send one to each of their Poor Directors. These were sent to the Secretaries, excepting Clearfield, Allegheny and Westmoreland. The two last the Actuary sent to the Directors personally.

An appeal for financial aid for the Society having been decided on the matter was placed in the hands of the Chairman

of Finance Committee, who had the appeal prepared and 150 type-written copies were sent from the main office.

Packages of the Annual Reports of the Society were sent to each Auxiliary by express.

Semi-Annual Board meetings were held during the past year.

Meetings of the Executive Committee were held at the stated times and meetings of the other Committees have been held in the office when called. Annual passes have been granted on some of the railroads and trip passes on others. When these were not granted, the Society has been favored with reduced rates for transportation, which has been of material assistance in carrying on the work of the Society.

The office has been without an assistant during the year.

Number of calls that have been received in office during the year, 220.

Calls made by the Actuary in the interest of the work, 715.

Letters, cards and telegrams received during the year, 1,018.

Letters, cards and telegrams sent during the year, 1,660.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. SAMSON, Actuary.

REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1896.

The following counties have been visited during the year: Armstrong, Blair, Cambria, Westmoreland and Indiana.

In Armstrong county Committees have been formed at Apollo and at Leechburg, the ladies of the county are much interested, and have extended the work very materially since the visit. The centre of activities, however has been placed in Cambria county when the Committee has effected a consolidation of the Cambria county Children's Aid Society with the Aid Society of Johnstown. In January a visit was made to Ebensburg, and a proposition laid before the Board of Directors of the poor of the county in which aid was asked for the Children's Aid Society, after a months

deliberation a very liberal contract was drawn up between the Poor Board and the Children's Aid Society, by which the Society was enabled to employ an Actuary and in addition to this to feel sure of a regular allowance from the county for board of the children. We were very much assisted in this work by Hon. Martin Bell, of Blair county, and by Hon. A. V. Barker, of Cambria county.

Owing to the very limited amount of money at the disposal of the Committee, we feel that much has been accomplished. We know that the counties have all done the best they could, and when otherwise a visit might have been made, advice and instructions have been given by correspondence, thus adding work to the Committee.

Most of the counties are doing good work.

At the beginning of the year the Committee reported a cash balance of \$89.16, of this amount \$27.16 have been expended in visiting the counties named, leaving \$62.00 in the hands of the Chairman.

MRS. L. P. WILSON, Chairman,
 MRS. SUE WILLARD,
 MRS. H. L. RANKIN,
 MRS. J. N. BOLARD,
 MRS. BELLE K. RICHARDS, Secretary.

REPORT OF REFORMATORY COMMITTEE.

When the Christ walked the sorrowful paths of life, it was in stainless purity. He alone, of all humanity, could have held aside His garments from contact with the sinful saying, "Touch Me not, for I am nobler than thou."

But wonder of wonders! The hand of faith grasped the seamless robe, and the touch brought healing. And the world's Lord and Master said in words unmistakably keen and decisive, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

This was the authoritative revelation of His divine mission, illuminated by His life of love and service. The gifted author of "Ecce Homo" tersely says, "Christ himself is the

Christian law," so in the precedent He has given us, we find our creed, and our credentials for attempting this work.

Sin always means sorrow. But sin in little children, where we look for innocence, is inexpressibly pathetic. Mrs. Browning paints the picture for us:

"Ragged children, hungry-eyed,
Huddled up out of the coldness
On your doorsteps, side by side,
Till your footman damns their boldness.

In the alleys, in the squares,
Begging, lying little rebels;
In the noisy thoroughfares
Struggling on with piteous trebles.

Wicked children with peaked chins,
And old foreheads! there are many
With no pleasures except sins,
Gambling with a stolen penny.

While those others, lean and small,
Scurf and mildew of the city
Spot our streets, convict us all,
Till we take them into pity.

"All these mouths we cannot feed
And we cannot clothe these bodies,"
Well, if man's so hard indeed,
Let them learn at least what God is!

Oh my sisters! children small—
Sad-eyed, wailing through the city,
Our own babes cry in them all,
Let us take them into pity."

There would be an obvious impropriety in giving names or in entering into details of our work in a public report. But while your Committee can give you here and now only the barest outline of their years work, the minutes of their transactions are open to any one earing for, and entitled to further information.

In some cases reported to us as "incurrible," and fit subjects only for Morganza or other Reformatory Institutions, we consider that injustice has been done the children. Morganza should not, and must not, be used as a "dumping ground" by parties who wish to be relieved of the care of children who for want of proper training and discipline are

developing noxious traits of character. An old-time Orthodox speaking, carefully followed by a thorough course of good example would often be a sufficiently drastic remedy. But a commitment for Morganza cuts the Gordian knot by relieving the parent or guardian of all further responsibility—and blasts the child's whole future.

Two instances of this kind called for our interference. In both, the children—girls—were about to be sent to Morganza for trivial offenses; in fact one had already been brought to the railroad station for the journey. These girls were both placed in good country homes. One gave some trouble at first, but is improving. Concerning the other I quote from a letter just received: “L is doing well. Mrs S. likes her and wishes to keep her.” Is not that better than branding a young girl with the stigma of having been an inmate of a semi-penal Institution?

Other cases brought to our notice have been absolutely homeless; think of it—a child nine years of age, motherless—homeless. Can anything be sadder? Yes, your Committee has grieved over a deeper depth. They have found children with mothers—mothers who owned their own homes, but the home, alas! was a hot-bed of vice and impurity. God pity the child with such environment! And God help the Children's Aid Society, that our rescue work may not be tardy or half-hearted!

One girl seven years of age, growing up in such an atmosphere in ordinary good natured talk with a boy a few years older, used such bad language that by way of showing his disapprobation and correcting her phraseology he promptly knocked her down.

Another boy of ten whom we were asked to help save, ran away from such a mother, and was given a home and employment by a farmer in a neighboring county. He proved that he had imbibed the contagion of his surroundings by stealing one of the man's best horses, and leaving by the light of the moon. This case perhaps breaks the record of youthful criminals—a horse thief ten years of age. These had homes; but the nature of the moral impetus received there cannot be misinterpreted.

Instances and incidents vary, but are alike saddening. A girl nine years old was reported to us as swearing and chew-

ing tobacco. Possibly she did, but be merciful, parents of tenderly shielded little ones. Her mother was dead—her father had abandoned her—she was living with strangers, sent into the fields to daily toil, her companions immoral boys. Can we harshly condemn her? Some one has said the saddest line in the English language is Milton's description of Sampson when a blind prisoner.

"Eyeless in Gaza, at the mill with slaves."

The clauses have been compared to the slow dropping of tears, each adding a new thought of woe.

But Sampson was a strong man, responsible for his own undoing. Here we have tender youth at degrading work, among strangers in distant Gaza, motherless, deserted, untaught, oh mother-hearts to whom I speak, can you turn away and forget to pity or help?

One ordinary Children's Aid work is child's play beside this. Can we lead such waifs as these to the open doors of the benevolent and say, "Receive them, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

We cannot gloss over their depravity, and so no homes are offered to these little inheritors of sin and sorrow. Our hearts have ached, and our heads have tossed all night long in sleepless perplexity trying to plan some way to save. When the burden becomes unbearable, we lay them at the feet of the Redeemer of the lost, and are comforted, believing that some way He will help us out.

We need seldom, if ever, ask "Who did sin, this child or its parents?"

In almost every instance we find bad heredity. And the thought of the future, the geometrical progression of these evils is overwhelming. In one Convention last year Mrs. Roger Sherman, in her magnificent paper on "Child Care," alluded to a case to which I would again call your attention, the well attested history of a fallen girl who lived in a wealthy county in N. Y.

She was a bad girl, yes, undeniably bad. Some one might have helped her to a life of virtue, but "some one" did not. Priest and Levite passed by on the other side and the thoughtful Samaritan, alas! failed to materialize. She was the mother of six children; and their descendants have been carefully traced through four generations. They now amount to 1,200, and are, almost without exception, criminals, paup-

ers or imbeciles. Who can solve the horrible future of this problem which now stands as 1200 to 1. With every friendless, neglected wayward one brought to our care, there has come before us the accusing ghost of this feeble minded, outcast girl, and we feel that if we do not save this one, future generations may be cursed with the appallingly accumulative results of our apathy.

Two such girls have been rescued by the Society during the year. One was taken from a house of ill fame. The other was roaming about, homeless, and leading a life of vagrancy and shame. In the first case restraint was imperatively necessary, and the unfortunate was sent to Morganza. The other, after much care and thought had been given the matter, was placed in the Moorehead Home, owned by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pittsburg. Infinitely degraded and loathsome though she was, these noble workers for God and Humanity responded to the appeal made for her, and now there comes to us favorable reports of her improvement morally and physically.

Well may the keen-sighted rulers of our beloved Commonwealth grant the little financial aid asked for in such work as this. The crime, loss and disgrace saved the State can never be computed.

As a mere matter of dollars and cents no investment pays such dividends. Only eternity will sum up the final balance.

Our years work of which we have here given only glimpses, has been done almost without funds. The State Board last year voted \$100.00 for the reformatory work, surely a pitifully small sum. But owing to the reduced appropriation received, the Committee was only given \$50. Of this pittance \$32.66 was due on bills incurred last year, so that this years Committee were left with the generous sum of \$17.38 with which to do reformatory work in 28 counties. We may be pardoned a little self congratulation on what has been accomplished, thus handicapped.

The Committee has held three meetings, two at Pittsburg, and one at Clearfield. One visit has been made to Morganza, one to Apollo, and one to Zelienople. Twenty-three calls have been made and over seventy-five letters have been written. Three times we have secured legal advice.

The Committee has been called upon to consider 12 cases. They were disposed of as follows:

Taken in charge by Humane Society.....	1
Sent to Morganza.....	2
Returned to care of counties.....	2
Placed in good homes.....	4
Left the State.....	1
Placed in W. C. T. U. Home, Pittsburg.....	1
Waiting to be sent to Church Home.....	1
Total	12

For the last mentioned we plead most earnestly. She is a bright little girl eight years old and well worth saving. This home has been secured for her after almost endless discouragements and she should at once be removed from the moral pollution of her present surroundings, where soul and body are in hourly peril. We hoped to have her in a place of safety before this Convention would meet, but entire exhaustion of our small fund and other unforeseen obstacles, have prevented. If no one other thing had ever been done by the C. A. S. of Western Pennsylvania we will consider the saving of this poor girl well worth all the appropriation we have received from the State.

Seeing as we do the great importance of the reformatory branch of our work, we beg that the committee now to be elected may have your hearty support and loyal aid in their most difficult work.

Thanking you for your personal sympathy and help during the year, we hereby resign the trust committed to us one year ago, hoping that it may at least be said of our imperfect work, "She hath done what she could."

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA S. BLOOD, Chairman.

Mrs. V. S. Blood, Chairman and Treasurer, in account with said Committee:

DR.

By chk. from State Treasurer, July 24, 1895..... \$50 00

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Paid on last year's bills.....	\$32 66
Traveling expenses of Committee.....	12 95
Postage, stationery, etc.....	1 84
Other itemized expenses.....	1 49
Total.....	\$48 94
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1 06

V. F. BLOOD.

RESOLUTIONS.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That the Childrens' Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania in convention assembled, review with gratitude the work accomplished during the year, and pledge themselves to future fidelity to the homeless and helpless children committed to their care.

That we hereby express our appreciation of the inspiration and helps gained from this meeting.

That we desire to place on record our deepest sympathy for our own co-workers who, during the year, have met with personal bereavement.

To our attorney, Mr. D. M. Alston, of Pittsburg, who has faithfully served us during the past year, we desire to express our thanks for advice and assistance.

We most heartily condemn the action and the methods adopted by the so-called National Children's Home Society of Chicago, a report of which will appear in our leading county newspapers.

Our thanks are due to the various institutions and hospitals which have admitted our children and cared for them free of charge.

We are all greatly indebted to our retiring President, who has filled her office with so much satisfaction and ability.

The press of Clearfield should receive a fair share of our approbation, having placed their columns at our disposal, and have aided us by making our work known throughout the county.

We feel we cannot say enough of our thorough appreciation of the people of Clearfield, and of the members of the Clearfield Society for the hearty manner in which they have welcomed us all, their personal entertainment of the State Board, and for the arrangements made for the comfort of the entire Convention.

MRS. H. L. LAY,
MRS. V. S. BLOOD,
Committee on Resolutions.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY
OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS NO. 1.

*In re-Application for Charter for the Children's Aid Society
of Western Pennsylvania.*

To the Honorable the Judge of the said Court:

The subscribers, all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, desiring to be formed with other persons, their associates, into corporation, hereby set forth and certify the following charter for said incorporation, in conformity with the Act of Assembly approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and entitled: "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations."

CHARTER.

(The Charter is the Constitution of the Society.)

I. The name of said corporation shall be the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania.

II. The purpose for which it is formed is to provide for the welfare of any destitute children who may come under its control.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the city of Pittsburg, and in any of the counties in Western Pennsylvania in which the corporation may establish branch offices to be under its control, in accordance with its by-laws.

IV. The corporation is to endure perpetually.

V. The corporation not being for pecuniary profit, no capital stock is subscribed.

VI. The number of directors shall be twenty, the names and residences of those who have been chosen directors for the first year are as follows:

Mrs. Park Painter,	Allegheny, Pa.
" W. W. Wilson,	Armstrong county, Pa.
" M. S. Quay,	Beaver county, Pa.
" M. S. Templeton,	Butler county, Pa.
" J. N. Bolard,	Butler county, Pa.
" George Arnold,	Clarion county, Pa.
" D. H. Wallace,	Lawrence county, Pa.
" Lewis Emery,	McKean county, Pa.
" V. S. Blood,	Jefferson county, Pa.
" J. E. Kegler,	Washington county, Pa.
" J. B. Scott,	Allegheny county, Pa.
" B. F. Woodburn,	Allegheny, Pa.
" J. R. Darragh,	Sharpsburg, Pa.
" E. M. Campbell,	Allegheny, Pa.
" A. H. Wallace,	Pittsburg, Pa.
" Jennie Little,	Cambria county, Pa.
" E. Piper,	Blair county.
" Myra J. Mason,	Pittsburg, Pa.
" M. McC. Price,	Allegheny, Pa.
" Lillias J. Alston,	Allegheny, Pa.

VII. The Board of Directors shall have power to make such by-laws as may be necessary and proper to regulate and conduct the business of the corporation.

VIII. The subscribers, all residents of the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and their respective residences, are here appended:

Mrs. Lillias J. Alston,	(Seal)
" A. H. Wallace,	(Seal.)
" Myra J. Mason,	(Seal.)
" Elizabeth M. Campbell,	(Seal)
" Margaret McC. Price,	(Seal)
" Fannie J. Darragh,	(Seal.)

State of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, ss.

Before me, W. H. Graham, Recorder of Deeds in and for said county, personally appeared Augusta H. Wallace, Fannie J. Darragh, Lillias J. Alston three of the subscribers to the within and foregoing certificate of incorporation of the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and official seal this December 12, 1888.
(Official Seal.) WILLIAM H. GRAHAM, Recorder.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS NUMBER 1.

NO. 66 March Term, 1889.

*In re Application of Children's Aid Society of Western
Pennsylvania.*

And now to wit: January 7th, 1889, the within charter and certificate of incorporation having been presented in open court, accompanied by due proof of publication of the notice of application, as required by the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, I hereby certify that I have examined and perused the said writing and have found the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class specified in the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to Provide for the incorporation and Regulation of certain Corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, and the same appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the community, on motion of D. M. Alston on behalf of the petitioners, I do hereby order and direct the said charter of the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania to be and the same is hereby approved, and that upon the recording of the same and this order, the subscribers thereto, and their associates, shall be a corporation of the name of the Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania, for the purpose and upon the terms stated in within charter.

J. F. SLAGLE,
Ad. Judge Common Pleas No. 1.

From the Record.
(Court Seal.)

Attest—JOHN BRADLEY, Pro.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, ss:

I, William H. Graham, Recorder of Deeds, etc., in and for said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a charter as recorded in Charter book, vol 12, page 276, this 8th day of January, A. D. 1889.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of January, A. D. 1889.

(Official Seal.)

WILLIAM H. GRAHAM, Recorder.



BY-LAWS

As Revised, Recommended to Board of Children's Aid Society
by Committee.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, one Vice-President from every County Auxiliary Society, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, have a vote, and give the casting vote in a tie.

Sec. 2.—Vice-President: In absence of the President, the Society shall choose a presiding officer from among the Vice-Presidents, who shall perform all the duties of the President.

Sec. 3.—Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all the meetings, prepare an annual report and all others required. She shall turn over all the books and records of any kind belonging to the Society in her possession to her successor.

Sec. 4.—Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, send sworn quarterly reports to State Treasurer, and to prepare annual report.

Sec. 5.—The Treasurer shall give bond in the sum \$3,000, with such securities as the Directors may require for the faithful discharge of her duties. She shall keep the monies of the Society in a separate bank account and shall report to the Board of Directors whenever required, and pay all war-

rants drawn by order of the Executive Board, and in accordance with Act of Legislature securing State appropriation, to deliver the books, with bank book, to an auditor appointed by the Board each year, to be audited.

ARTICLE III.

Annual Meetings.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be held in some County in Western Pennsylvania, as Society may decide on the first Thursday of June. It shall be an all-day meeting, opening at 9:30 A. M. It shall be composed of the Board of Directors of this Society, the President of all its Auxiliary Societies, and one delegate for every ten paying members in each Auxiliary Society, each Society paying expenses of its own delegate.

ARTICLE IV.

Any county in Western Pennsylvania may become auxiliary to this Society by indorsing its Constitution and By-Laws, and sending a written notice of desire to become auxiliary, to the State Actuary, at the State headquarters, Pittsburg.

ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1.—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a Board of thirty Directors, elected at the annual meeting from the Auxiliary Societies, who shall, immediately after their election, organize. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Society being, by virtue of their offices, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2.—The Secretary and Treasurer shall be residents of Allegheny county.

Sec. 3.—If, in any case of sickness or prolonged absence, a member of the Board cannot attend a meeting, her place can be filled by a substitute.

Sec. 4.—The Board shall appoint the following Committees: Executive, Organizing, Office, Decision of Cases, Legislative, Reformatory and Finance.

Three members shall constitute a quorum at each Committee.

Sec. 5.—The members of all Committees shall be members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

In applying State appropriation the Board will look:

First—To perfecting the organization of counties in Western Pennsylvania.

Second—To the payment of the expenses of the State office in Pittsburg.

Third—To assist each County Society by sharing expenses incurred in finding homes, placing children, when such expense cannot be otherwise provided for.

Fourth—For the transportation and maintenance of destitute children not taken from Directors of the Poor, wherever the need is most urgent.

Fifth—For traveling expenses incurred by members attending meetings of the Board, and Executive Committee meetings.

Sixth—No county shall receive State funds unless it is willing to work under our Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII.

Powers of Board of Directors.

Sec. 1.—The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint such advisors, visitors or actuaries as they may deem necessary; prescribe their duties and fix their compensation. Also to fill all vacancies occurring during the year in their own body, as recommended by the county in which the vacancy occurs.

Sec. 2.—This Board also has power to constitute, through its Organizing Committee, County Children's Aid Societies in such counties in Western Pennsylvania as may to them seem proper. The Societies organized to be confirmed by the Board of Directors of Children's Aid Society of Western Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE VIII.

Auxilliary Societies.

Sec. 1.—When the societies have been confirmed by the Board, they shall be accepted as the representatives of this Society, working under its Charter, making monthly reports of all transactions and working in harmony with the Constitution and By-Laws which this Board may adopt.

Sec. 2.—When the societies are operative, this Board will recognize them as its only instrument in dealing through them with Directors of the Poor and all other parties in their respective counties.

ARTICLE IX.

The regular meetings of this Board of Directors shall be held semi-annually on the first Thursdays of June and December. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members, and their regular meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 2 P. M., to consider the business of the Society. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board shall sign all warrants on Treasurer. Five members shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE XI.

Duties of Committee on Organization.

Committee on Organization shall have entire control of all arrangements for organizing Children's Aid Societies in counties with almshouses or wherever desirable, said organizing to be done by members of Committee or by Actuary of the Board, unless otherwise provided for by Board of Directors' Committee, and present monthly reports to Executive Committee.

1. This Committee is chosen from the State Board at its first meeting with the annual meeting in June.

2. The Committee shall consist of four members.

3. The traveling expenses of the Organizing Committee shall be paid by State Treasurer.

4. The officers shall be a Chairman and a Secretary—Chairman to be chosen by the State Board; Chairman shall choose her own Secretary.

5. All communications shall be addressed to Chairman.

6. It shall be the duty of Organizing Committee to have entire control of all arrangements for organizing Children's Aid Societies in counties, and always consult the parent society in said county.

7. It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit all county Societies needing instructions.

8. Each county shall receive one hundred dollars per annum of the State appropriation.

9. Each county Society is entitled to at least one representative on State Board, whose expenses shall be paid in attending the semi-annual meetings of the Board and Executive Committee meetings.

ARTICLE XII.

Office Committee and Decision of Cases.

The Office Committee shall have general oversight of all affairs relating to the office, unless otherwise ordered, and present monthly reports to Executive Committee.

Further, all matters relating to children in care of this Society shall be referred to Committee on Decision of Cases, who shall report to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII.

All books and papers belonging to this Society shall be open to inspection by any member of the Board of Directors at any time.

ARTICLE XIV.

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice has been given in writing at a previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE XV.

All bills should be presented for payment within the quarter.

MRS. L. P. WILSON, Chairman.
MRS. AUGUSTA WALLACE,
MRS. J. L. ANDERSON,
Committee on Revision.

SUGGESTIONS TO WORKERS.

1. The visitor for the Children's Aid Society should see the child alone.
2. Inspect the child's clothing.
3. See the sleeping-room of the child.
4. Investigate the school training, which should be not less than six consecutive months in each year.
5. Inquire also if the child attends church or Sunday school regularly.
6. Bring the child away, if for any cause such removal should be deemed best.

If it should be thought best for the child to receive wages after a certain period, instead of schooling and clothing, a careful account of all such money either spent or kept for the child should be required.

OBJECTS AND METHODS.

The object of the Children's Aid Society is to provide for the welfare of destitute and neglected children, by such means as shall be best for them and for the community. Our method of accomplishing this object is:

1. By placing such children in carefully selected private families, mostly in the country, paying a moderate rate of board where necessary, and following up each case with such inquiry and supervision as may secure to the child the conditions of physical and moral well-being.
2. By utilizing existing institutions for children as temporary homes, while permanent family places are being sought.

3. By putting, so far as possible, the support of a child upon its relatives or parents, legitimate or otherwise, and by preventing the needless separation of mothers and children.

4. The law forbidding the detention of children in almshouses can best be carried out by the co-operation of the Directors of the Poor, with voluntary associations of discreet and benevolent women, who are willing to find places for the children, look after their welfare, and report to the Directors. It is for the interest of the tax payers that these children be taken out of the pauper class as soon as possible and absorbed in the community.

5. In a county where such associations exists, and where the Directors make fair allowance for the support of the children, there is no excuse for detaining any child in the headquarters for papers and no need of creating an institution for pauper children.



ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

Regulating the Custody of Destitute Minor Children.

No. 98.

AN ACT

To Prohibit the Receiving and Detaining of Children in Almshouses and Poor Houses, and to Provide for the care of such Children.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that it shall not be lawful for the Overseers, or Guardians, or Directors of the Poor in the several counties, cities, boroughs and townships of this Commonwealth to receive into, or retain in any almshouse or poor house any child between two and sixteen years of age, for a longer time than sixty days, unless such child be an unteachable idiot, an epileptic or a paralytic, or otherwise so disabled or deformed as to render it incapable of labor or service.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of said overseers or other persons having charge of the poor, to place all pauper children who are in their charge, and who are over two years of age, (with the exception named in the first section of this Act), in some respectable family in this State, or in some educational institution or home for children; and one of the said officers shall visit such children in person or by agent, not less than once every six months, and make all needful inquiries as to their treatment and welfare, and shall report thereon to the board of overseers or other officers charged with the care of such children.

Sec. 3. It shall be lawful for any county, or for two or more counties in this Commonwealth acting together, to establish and maintain an industrial home for the care and training of children; but such institution or home shall be remote from any almshouse or poor house, and entirely disconnected from the same, and under separate management from the keepers of the poor house.

Sec. 4. This Act shall go into effect on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and all Acts of Assembly, or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed from that date.

Approved the thirteenth day of June A. D. 1883.

ROBERT E. PATTISON.

[Senate Bill No. 58.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Commitment of Minors by Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, or Judges, to Certain Charitable Societies, and Providing for the Method of Such Commitment and the cost of the Visitation of such Minors.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for any Society duly incorporated, having for one of its objects the protection of children from cruelty, or the placing of children not otherwise provided for in families, to receive into its care and guardianship, at its discretion, minors committed to this care and guardianship by any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, or Judge of any Court, upon complaint and due proof made, (1) that such minor, by reason of incorrigible, unmanageable, vicious, or wayward conduct, is beyond the control of the parent or guardian of such infant, or (2) that the parents of such minor, by reason of vagrancy, incorrigible or vicious conduct, criminal offenses, moral depravity, or cruelty are

unfit to have the training and control of such minor, or (3) that the said minor is a vagrant, and has no parent or guardian capable or willing to restrain, manage or take proper care of such minor; or the said Society may receive under its care and guardianship any minor as aforesaid when such minor has been committed to its care and guardianship by the Judge of any Court, after said minor shall have been duly convicted of any criminal offense.

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, or Judge of any Court to commit minors to any Society, duly incorporated, having for one of its objects the protection of children from cruelty, or the placing of children not otherwise provided for in families, upon complaint and due proof made of facts such as are set forth in the first section of this Act, after the said minors have been duly convicted of any criminal offense.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace or Magistrate aforesaid, committing a vagrant or incorrigible or vicious minor as aforesaid, or any minor as provided in Section 1, of this Act to annex to his commitment the names and residences of the different witnesses examined before him, and the substance of the testimony given by them respectively on which the said adjudication was founded.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace making a commitment, as provided in the first and second sections of this Act, of a minor to any Society, to transfer his commitment, together with the various matters annexed thereto, as provided in the third section of this Act, to the District Attorney of the county in which said commitment shall be made, and it shall be the duty of the District Attorney when the same shall be placed in his hands, or as soon as it is possible thereafter, to place the said commitment with the matters annexed in the hands of a Judge sitting at Quarter Sessions, who shall examine the same and shall endorse thereon an order for the detention of the said minor by the said Society; or if he shall be of the opinion that the said minor has been wrongfully committed, he shall endorse upon the commitment an order for the discharge of the said minor.

Provided, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to interfere with an Act entitled, "An Act for the better securing of personal liberty and preventing unlawful imprisonment," passed on the 18th day of February, 1785, commonly called the "Habeas Corpus Act."

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Society to whom a commitment shall be made, in accordance with the provisions of the first section of this Act, when the minors so committed to it are placed in respectable families, subject to the visitation and supervision of such person as may from time to time be appointed for such purpose by the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which such commitment shall be made, to select, so far as it may be possible, families of the same religious denomination as that to which the parents of children committed to its care shall belong.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Judges of the several Courts of Common Pleas within this Commonwealth to appoint visitors to visit the children committed, in accordance with the provision of this Act, by any Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, or Judge in their respective counties, the said visits to be made at intervals not longer than once every six months, and the said visitors shall report upon the character of the home in which said child shall be placed, and the expense of said visitation shall be borne by the counties aforesaid.

Sec. 7. Authority is hereby given to every city of the first-class, in the discretion of the Councils thereof, to make appropriations from the treasury thereof to any Society having for one of its objects the protection of children from cruelty, or the placing of children not otherwise provided for in families, to which Society children of the citizens of said city may by law be committed by the Magistrates or Judges of the county within which said city may be situated; and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.







